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- EXPRESS INVESTIGATION - PART 1

Bihar's flagship scheme gave tap water to poor — and contracts worth ₹53 crore to Dy CM's family, aides

BJP stalwart Tarkishore Prasad's daughter-in-law, firms linked to his brother-in-law, allotted multiple contracts in his home district under Har Ghar Nal Ka Jal scheme



SANTOSH SINGH KATIHAR, SEPTEMBER 27

BIHAR'S SHOWPIECE scheme to ensure drinking water for the poor through taps right at their homes, Har Ghar Nal Ka Jal, launched by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar exactly five years ago, is a success on many counts — it has covered over 95% of the target of 1.08 lakh panchayat wards.

But on the ground, the implementation of the scheme has also been marked by political patronage to a sweeping set of beneficiaries that corrodes Nitish's mes-

THE INDIAN EXPRESS

asked Bihar Dy CM

Tarkishore Prasad about

Har Ghar Nal Ka Jal con-

tracts for his family and

firms linked to his aides.

age involved in con-

On political patron-

tracts awarded to daughter-in-

law Puja Kumari and two

companies linked to associates:

"We have just one contract, that

of my daughter-in-law. That, too,



At a project site of leevanshree Infrastructure Pvt Ltd in Katihar. Deputy CM Tarkishore Prasad's aide Prashant Chandra Jaiswal is one of the company's directors

sage of good governance, a fourmonth-long investigation by The Indian Express has revealed. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 8**

else is doing work (un-

der Har Ghar Nal Ka Jal),

I have no idea. My

daughter-in-law has

four units (wards); she

and my son are doing

law Pradeep Kumar

On his brother-in-

the project.

Bhagat being a director of

Deepkiran Infrastructure,

which got contracts under the

scheme: "It is ok. He is related

and belongs to the same social



PART II: FROM EX-MINISTER TO JD(U) STATE LEADER, ALL

GOT CONTRACTS

with Deepkiran Infrastructure

and Jeevanshree Infrastructure

(Three of his aides are directors

in Jeevanshree): "I am not even

distantly connected. These are

"There are a total of 2,800 units

in Katihar; my family has got just

four. There's nothing wrong with

doing business. One must ensure

that there should not be any ir-

regularity... I have asked my son

not to do any government work

as it would create unnecessary

On conflict of interest:

big companies."

8,387 'Nothing wrong with doing business' **PANCHAYATS**

1.08 LAKH

URBAN AND

nections **LOCAL BODIES** through National Rural Drinking Water Programme.

Eyes on the

prize: Four

schemes in

tanks to taps

PATNA, KATIHAR, SEPTEMBER 21

8,387 GRAM panchayats; 1.08

lakh wards; 143 urban and local

promise by Bihar Chief Minister

Nitish Kumar is now his govern-

ment's largest welfare initiative, both in terms of scale and reach.

Officially launched in

every home)

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far provided

drinking water

to 152.16 lakh

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September 2016, Bihar's Har

Ghar Nal Ka Jal (tap water in

What started in 2015 as a poll

bodies - Rs 30,000 crore.

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SANTOSH SINGH

Essentially, Har Ghar Nal Ka Jal is a cluster of four state schemes under various categories that were launched to provide clean drinking water through taps in urban and rural CONTINUED ON PAGE 8

FIRST IN-PERSON QUAD MEETING

As PM heads to US, Foreign Secy says AUKUS won't impact Quad

AUKUS security alliance, Quad a plurilateral group of like-minded nations: Shringla

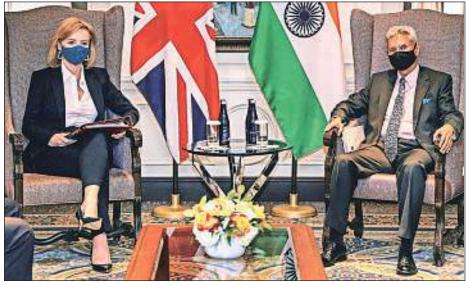
SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

A DAY before Prime Minister Narendra Modi leaves for the US to attend the first in-person Quad leaders' summit and meet US President Joe Biden, India – in its first reaction to the Australia-UK-US (widely referred to as AUKUS) deal — said the two are "not groupings of a similar nature" and since India is not a party to AUKUS, it is neither relevant nor will it have any impact on the Quad.

This was spelt out by Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla, while responding to questions on the possible impact of the AUKUS on the Quad. He sought to make it clear that while AUKUS is a "security alliance", Quad is a "plurilateral grouping of like-minded countries that have a shared vision of their attributes and values".

Last week, the US, UK and Australia signed a new trilateral security alliance for the Indo-Pacific in an attempt to counter China's growing assertiveness in the region. The pact, termed AUKUS, is expected to help Australia acquire nuclear-powered submarines in a bid to counter China's growing power in the strategically vital region. France, which lost out on a USD 65 billion submarine deal with Australia and had not been notified about the AUKUS alliance.

reacted angrily and called it a CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar with UK Foreign Secretary Liz Truss in New York. PTI

Saarc: Ministers' meet called off as Pakistan wants Taliban at table

SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

THE SAARC foreign ministers' meeting, which was planned to be held on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly session in New York this week, has been called off over Afghanistan's participation.

Sources said Pakistan wanted to keep an "empty chair", and was against the participation of representatives from the previous Ashraf Ghani regime. According to sources, if the meeting was held, a representative from Afghanistan's mission at the UN in New York could have attended it.

Pakistan is learnt to have pro-

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posed that a Taliban representative should also be part of the meeting. The proposal was shot down by the remaining mem-

bers. This was in view of the fact that the new Taliban regime has not vet been recognised by governments across the world, and they have also not approached the UN for credentials.

There was, however, no agreement on this issue among the SAARC members. Sources said this "lack of consensus" led to the cancellation of the SAARC foreign ministers' meeting.

Nepal's foreign ministry on Tuesday sent a letter to the SAARC secretariat, saying that "due to the lack of concurrence from all member states as of today, the informal meeting of the SAARC council of ministers proposed to be held in person on September 25 on the sidelines of

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Record heroin haul in Kutch:

Probe expands,

Chennai couple

in custody



Nameplate at official residence was broken. Anil Sharma

Owaisi's Delhi home vandalised by Hindu Sena men, 5 held

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI. SEPTEMBER 21

HYDERABAD MP Asaduddin Owaisi's official residence in New Delhi's high-security Ashoka Road area was vandalised on Tuesday by a group of Hindu Sena men who damaged the door and windows, broke the nameplate, hurled an axe at the house and called the Parliamentarian a "jihadi".

Five men were arrested from the scene, police said. "We picked them up from

ing initial questioning that they were agitated with his (Owaisi's) comments. We are questioning them further," DCP (New Delhi district) Deepak Yadav told The Indian Express.

All five men are residents of Northeast Delhi's Mandoli area, Yadav said.

A senior police officer said, "The men claim they work for the Hindu Sena in Delhi. They said they heard Owaisi's recent speeches, and believed he had made 'anti-Hindu' remarks.'

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Temple row: Karnataka passes Bill to protect religious structures

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE BENGALURU, SEPTEMBER 21

FOLLOWING days of furore over the demolition of a temple in Mysuru on September 10 identified as an illegal construction, the Karnataka government Tuesday night passed a Bill to protect all standing religious structures. It also blamed "overenthusiastic officials" for the Mysuru demolition and claimed it was unaware of it.

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ARMY CHOPPER CRASHES IN JAMMU, 2 KILLED

FIR AGAINST MAHANT DISCIPLE FOR SUICIDE ABETMENT PAGE 6

criticised the Karnataka Religious Structures (Protection) Bill, saying the BIP government was acting under pressure from rightwing groups, the legislation passed without any opposition.

The temple, located in Nanjangud area of Mysuru, had been demolished in line with High Court directions over removal of illegal religious structures, in turn based on Supreme Court orders in this regard. Introduced in the Assembly

constructions on a public place constructed before the date of commencement of this Act, in order to protect communal harmony and not hurt the religious sentiments of the public". Bommai said since the

Bommai, the Bill stated its pur-

pose as "protection of religious

Supreme Court issued orders in 2009 for removal of illegal religious structures from public places, 130 such constructions

In Uri, search operation for militants who slipped in through LoC enters 3rd day only the second successful infil-

BASHAARAT MASOOD SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 21

AN OPERATION to look for a group of militants who are believed to have infiltrated into Kashmir from across the border entered the third day in Uri on Tuesday. While some of the men are suspected to have turned back following exchange of gunfire, which left a soldier injured, a few could have got in, marking

tration attempt since India and Pakistan reached a ceasefire on February 25, as per the Army.

The infiltration attempt, launched late on Saturday night, coincided with the fifth anniversary of a suicide attack on the Army's brigade headquarters in Uri in north Kashmir. It is also the first since the Taliban rode to power in Afghanistan, triggering apprehensions of a fallout in the **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

AHMEDABAD, SEPTEMBER 21

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

IN WHAT MIGHT be one of the single biggest hauls of heroin in the country -- amounting to nearly 3,000 kg, worth Rs 21,000 crore -- a court in Bhui has sent a couple arrested from Chennai on 10-day remand. Six persons, including Afghan nationals, held in Delhi with cocaine and heroin in their possession on Tuesday are being probed for possible links to the case, sources said.

The heroin believed to be from Afghanistan was discovered at Mundra port in Kutch district on September 16 in two shipping containers imported from Bandar Abbas Port in Iran, by Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) Ahmedabad zone officials, acting on a tip-off.

Sources said multiple searches are ongoing in Ahmedabad, Gandhidham and Mandvi of Gujarat as well as Delhi and Chennai, and that "involvement

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9-year-old's rape-murder: Accused sexually assaulted her in the past too, say police

ANAND MOHAN J NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

Delhi crematorium where a filed in the case states.

RADHEY SHYAM, the priest at a

nine-year-old Dalit girl was allegedly raped and killed before being hurriedly cremated, had allegedly sexually assaulted her in the past, the police chargesheet Shyam, 55, and three other employees - Kuldeep Singh, 63, Laxmi Narayan, 48, and Salim Ahmed, 49 – are under arrest in

The accused had claimed that the girl died of electrocution while fetching water from a cooler, while her family had alleged that the men raped her and when she died, they hurriedly cremated the body.

Police have relied on disclosure statements of the accused,

public witnesses and CCTV footage to frame charges against

According to the police chargesheet, Shyam told police that on August 2, he spotted the girl, who, he claimed, used to visit the crematorium to drink water and sometimes bathe. The chargesheet quotes him as saying that he had in the past got her to give him massages, and also showed her pornographic con-

tent. It further quotes him as saying that he had "touched her... in the past".

According to the chargesheet, that day too. Shyam asked the girl for a massage, during which Kuldeep suggested that they sexually assault the child. It quotes Shyam as saying that he sent Salim away "to buy jalebi", while he and Kuldeep took turns to rape the girl.

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PAGE 1 ANCHOR Unfazed by sacking, she wants voice for women in Muslim League

SHAJU PHILIP THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,

SEPTEMBER 21

"Our hands and legs are not tied... If the party has become person-oriented in recent years, it should be brought back on the right track... We are ensuring that there is space for women and their voices.

FATHIMA THAHILIYA is determined to take the battle forward.

"I am going to form a collective of like-minded women within the Indian Union Muslim League to fight as a corrective force within the party as well as

the community. The name will be announced soon," says the 30-year-old lawyer from Kozhikode in Kerala.

Thahiliya was the face and voice of Haritha, the women's wing of the IUML's student outfit Muslim Students Federation, which was disbanded last month after it raised charges of sexual harassment against some

male MSF leaders. Last week, she was sacked from the post of MSF national vice-president for accusing the party's leadership of trying to hush up the allegations.

Thahiliya hails from a conservative family of IUML supporters but remains unfazed. "Our hands and legs are not tied. I am merely an ordinary member of the IUML now. I take the removal (from the MSF leadership) in a

positive manner," she says. That's not all. This post-graduate in law is also aiming to spearhead a reform movement of sorts within the IUML, which is an influential constituent of the Congress-led UDF that was in power in Kerala until 2016.

Referring to the IUML leadership, which is dominated by the Malappuram-based Panakkad Thangal family, she says: "The IUML is not person-oriented, and the values of democracy are en-



Last week, Fathima Thahiliya was sacked as national vicepresident of IUML's student outfit. Express

shrined in its Constitution. If the party has become person-oriented in recent years, it should be brought back on the right track. The party should become more democratic."

Thahiliya was the first state president of Haritha, when it was formed in 2012. Until then. women supporters of IUML did not have a platform on college campuses. Yet, Haritha had raised eyebrows within the party since its own women's wing, Vanitha League, had failed to make much of an impact.

"Recognition for Haritha came later when we helped MSF increase its footprint on campuses and wrest several college unions. But still, we had to wait till last year's local body elections to get our women fielded as candidates," says Thahiliya.

Two months ago, Haritha leaders alleged that during a meeting of MSF office-bearers in June, three leaders — state president P K Navas, Malappuram district president M Kabeer and district general secretary V A Wahab – allegedly made vulgar remarks against them.

But with the party failing to take action, the Haritha leaders filed a complaint with the state women's commission in August. Angered by the move, IUML rewing's state committee for "indiscipline", triggering protests in several MSF campus units, and finally disbanding it. "Those in responsible roles in

taliated by first freezing the

IUML were spreading canards and indulging in character assassination. When the party said you should shut your mouth, we reacted openly. That helped society realise what has been going on," says Thahiliya. According to her, Haritha did

not question the leadership but only wanted to make the political space gender neutral, and ensure "space for women and their

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THE CONSTITUTION IS NO LONGER WORKING IN TRIPURA: EX-CM MANIK SARKAR

In an interview with indian express.com, Sarkar said he feels the common people have become detached from the BJP due to a whole range of unfulfilled promises made by the party ahead of the 2018 polls. He also ruled out alliances with TMC, Congress or any other party

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help fill "a gap in law". "We are not

nullifying the Supreme Court or-

der. We will regularise wherever

possible. If any cases are pending

in a court (regarding an illegal

structure), they will not come un-

der the Bill. We never gave orders to demolish the temple at

Nanjangud," the CM said. The Bill

protects all religious structures

built prior to the enactment of the

law, but does not allow future ille-

gal religious structures, he added.

structure" as a "temple, church,

mosque, gurdwara, Bodh vihara,

majar (mazaar) etc, constructed

on a public place without author-

ity of law", adding "no religious

structure and construction shall

be allowed by the state govern-

ment or any local authority in fu-

Hindu Mahasabha had been ar-

rested for issuing death threats to

Bommai, former CM B S

Yediyurappa and Muzrai Minister

Shashikala Jolle (dealing with

Hindu religious institutions) over

the demolition of the Mysuru

Minister I C Madhuswamy told

the Assembly that the temple was

demolished without the knowl-

edge of the state government. "We

found it was an act of over-enthu-

siasm to implement a court order.'

the High Court was monitoring

the removal of illegal religious

structures in Karnataka and that

Mysuru district officials had acted

Siddaramaiah said the temple had

been wrongly razed, and the BJP

government was trying to control

the damage. "They are bringing

the Bill now because of the Hindu

Jagaran Vedike and right-wing

groups which have brought pres-

sure... They demolished the tem-

ple and are now seeking to protect

asked the state government to

take action against officials who

carried out the demolition if the

ID(S) leader AT Ramaswamy

government was unaware of it.

said the Supreme Court had issued

orders for clearance of illegal reli-

gious structures from public

places as no officials would dare

act against them otherwise

"Structures tend to come up

overnight on roads. The Supreme

Court gave orders because no gov-

ernment or government officials

are going to remove these struc-

clauses, also seeks to protect gov-

ernment actions taken "in good

faith". "No suit, prosecution or

other legal proceeding shall lie

against the state government or

any officer or other employees of

the state government for anything

which is done in good faith or in-

tended to be done under this Act,"

Gujarat case, the apex court had

ruled on September 29, 2009, that

"no unauthorized construction

shall be carried out or permitted

in the name of Temple. Church.

Mosque or Gurdwara etc. on pub-

lic streets, public parks or other

In a Union of India vs State of

The short Bill, with only eight

tures," the MLA pointed out.

Congress leader M B Patil

it...this is odd." Siddaramaiah said.

Leader of the Opposition

on court orders.

Revenue Minister R Ashok said

Law and Parliamentary Affairs

On Sunday, a leader of the

ture on a public place".

The Bill defines a "religious

FASHION



DESIGNER HARLEEN KAUR SAYS

'Re-wearing is an essential part of sustainability'

EXPRESS AUDIO

Ladakh infrastructure project for Army fails, NEET row, and UK's new travel policy

In this episode, we talk about why the infra project for Indian troops in Ladakh has failed. We also discuss the NEET row in TN and the UK's new, problematic travel rule

FROM PAGE ONE

Saarc meeting

the 76th UN General Assembly session will not take place.

Afghanistan is the youngest member state of SAARC, having joined in 2007. India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Maldives, Sri Lanka and Pakistan are part of the group. The SAARC Secretariat was set up in Kathmandu on January 17, 1987.

Hindu Sena men

Speaking to The Indian Express, Owaisi, chief of the All India Mailise-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) said this is not the first time that his residence has come under attack. He said he will write to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla drawing his attention to the repeated at-

"This is all because of the bigotry and hate atmosphere which has been created in the country. You protest but why vandalise? Jantar Mantar is just 200 metres away. They can protest there. Who is stopping you? These are not fringe elements. These are the main elements of the Hindutva brigade. It is for the government to put an end. It is only the government which can put a full stop on this radicalisation," he said.

"I am used to all these things. I have been seeing this for a very long time. It is shocking that in a highly secure zone, people are so emboldened that they do this... record it... this is a classic case of radicalisation. They have been doing it since 2015... These attacks will not stop me from doing what I am doing...," he added.

In a series of tweets, he said the caretaker of his residence had been attacked, and that the men had shouted communal slogans.

A video of the incident posted on Facebook by a passerby showed 6-7 men gathered outside Owaisi's residence, raising slogans.

The men are seen picking up sticks and breaking the nameplate, a tubelight, and some windows of the house.

One of the men is heard calling Owaisi a "jihadi", and alleging that the MP and his brother have been making anti-Hindu speeches. "Main Asad Owaisi jihadi ke paas aaya hoon usko sabak sikhane (I have come to teach the jihadi Asad Owaisi a lesson)... Jai Shi Ram," the man says.

Two men can be seen breaking the nameplates with axes. while others throw stones at the house. One of the men is seen hurling an axe inside the gate.

During a visit to Ahmedabad on Monday, Owaisi had criticised Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister's Yogi Adityanath's remark that government benefits under earlier regimes were garnered by those who say "abba jaan".

On Tuesday, Owaisi told reporters in Lucknow, "These people(accused)are being radicalised and the BJP is responsible for this. If a parliamentarian's house is being vandalised, then what message is being sent?"

On Twitter, the MP said: "Mv Delhi residence was vandalised today by radicalised goons. Their cowardice is well known and as usual they came in a mob, not alone. They also chose a time when I was not home. They were armed with axes and sticks, they pelted stones at my house, my nameplate was destroyed. Raju, the caretaker of the house for the last 40 years, was assaulted. The mob shouted communal slogans and threatened to kill me. Raiu's grandkids are living in fear now. Raju has filed a complaint with police. Hope action will be taken."

He further wrote: "There were at least 13 people, 6 have been detained. This is the third time that my residence has been attacked.

Last time it was vandalised. Rajnath Singh was not only the Home Minister but also my neighbour. Election Commission HQ is right next door to my house, Parliament Street police station is right across my house. The Prime Minister's residence is 8 minutes away. If an MP's house is not safe, then what message is Amit Shah

Tagging the Prime Minister's Office, he wrote: "PMO India preaches to the world how we must fight radicalisation, please tell who radicalised these goons? If these thugs think that this is going to scare me, they don't know Majlis and what we are made of. We'll never stop our fight for jus-

sending?

Senior Delhi Police officers said there was no mention of anyone being assaulted in the complaint.

Vishnu Gupta, national presi-

dent of the Hindu Sena, acknowledged that the five men were "activists" of the outfit. "We have come to know that they vandalised Owaisi's house. I am against the attack but Owaisi should also not make anti-Hindu speeches. I found that the men were hurt because Owaisi and his brother have been making anti-Hindu speeches to impress Muslims. Their speeches are provocative and I support the activists for raising their voices and protesting. I also respect the police and laws and accept the punish-

Police said they were alerted by a PCR call. "Police rushed to the spot and detained all the accused from the spot. By then, the men had damaged the entrance gate and windows of the house," a senior police officer said.

Karnataka Bill

had been removed in Mysuru alone, and that the new Bill would

As PM heads to US, Foreign Secy says AUKUS won't impact Quad

"stab in the back".

Shringla's comments come at a time when France's anger and disappointment over the AUKUS deal has raised questions on the unity among "likeminded countries" over the Indo-Pacific strategy. "Quad and the AUKUS are

not groupings of a similar nature...Quad is a plurilateral grouping – a group of countries that have a shared vision of their attributes and values. They also have a shared vision of the Indo-Pacific region as a free, open, transparent, inclusive region. The Quad has adopted a positive, proactive agenda with a wide range, and varied array, of initiatives at the global level to address some of the issues of the day. This includes dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic, including the supply of vaccines to the Indo Pacific region. It includes working on new and emerging technologies, issues like climate change, infrastructure, maritime security, education, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief. There's a wide array of initiatives that the Quad has undertaken, which is designed to cater to the requirements of the Indo-Pacific

region," said Shringla. "On the other hand, AUKUS is a security alliance between three countries. We are not party to this alliance. From our perspective, this is neither relevant to the Ouad, nor will it have any impact on its function," he said.

Hours later, Modi spoke with French President Emmanuel Macron and "reviewed the increasing bilateral collaboration in the Indo-Pacific region, and the important role that the India-France partnership plays in promoting stability and security in the region", a Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) state-

The French government's statement said they reaffirmed their shared commitment to act iointly in an open and inclusive Indo-Pacific, including in the framework of the Europe-India relationship and European initiatives in the Indo-Pacific. "This approach aims to promote regional stability and the rule of law, while precluding any form of hegemony", it said, with an oblique reference to Beijing.

The two leaders also discussed regional issues, including recent developments in Afghanistan, In this context, the MEA statement said they "shared their concerns about the possible spread of terrorism, narcotics, illicit weapons and human trafficking, as well as the need to ensure human rights, rights of women and minori-The French statement said

the two leaders expressed "grave concerns" about the situation in Afghanistan. "The authorities in power must cut their ties with international terrorism, allow humanitarian organisations to operate throughout the country and respect the fundamental rights of Afghan women and men. Evacuation operations should continue unhindered." it

Shringla, in his briefing, said the Afghanistan issue was also on the agenda of the Ouad and bilateral meetings, along with terrorism. This will be the first meeting since the Taliban captured power in Afghanistan in mid-August.

He said the meeting will discuss the "current regional security situation following recent developments in Afghanistan", considering India's stakes as a "neighbour and a longstanding and preferred development partner of the people of Afghanistan". In this context, he said, "we would undoubtedly discuss the need to stem radicalism, extremism, cross-border terrorism and the dismantling of global terrorist networks."

He also said the UNSC resolution 2593, which was adopted under India's presidency on August 30, spells out that Afghanistan's territory will not be used against any other country, and "non-state actors" as well as "countries" need to comply with that. These are thinlyveiled references to Pakistan and anti-India terrorist groups including the Haqqani Network, Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammed among others.

Modi, who leaves for the US tomorrow, will attend a summit hosted by Biden on Covid-19 on Wednesday itself. This will be their first in-person meeting since Biden assumed office in January this year, although they have spoken thrice since November and participated in virtual summits thrice.

During their meeting on September 23, Shringla said, the two leaders will review the "robust and multifaceted" India-US bilateral relationship. "They will also discuss how the comprehensive strategic global partnership between our two countries can be enriched further. The two leaders are expected to discuss how to bolster bilateral trade and investment ties, strengthen de-

fence and security collaboration, boost strategic clean energy partnership, explore new avenues in emerging technologies, including through R&D, innovation, and industry linkages.' They will also discuss the reform of the multilateral system including the UN Security Council.

Besides attending the Quad summit on September 24, hosted by Biden and attended by Australian PM Scott Morrison and Japan's outgoing PM Yoshihide Suga, the Prime Minister will also have bilateral meetings with all three leaders. He will also meet Vice

President Kamala Harris, his first formal interaction with the first Indian-origin VP in the US administration, and they are expected to exchange views on bilateral, regional and global issues of mutual interest, Shringla said. Harris had called up Modi in June this year for supply of Covid-19 vaccines. Modi will also meet some business CEOs during his stay in the U.S.

 $Modi\,will\,then\,travel\,to\,New$ York for the UN General Assembly address, and will hold bilateral meetings with a few leaders on the sidelines on September 25.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and NSA Ajit Doval are also travelling to the US, and will accompany Modi for many of these meetings. Jaishankar is currently in New York, and met his counterparts from France, Australia, UK, Norway and Iraq among others. Modi's visit is expected to

pave the way for more engagements in the coming months, including the India-US 2+2 talks later this year.

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7	Chhindawada		207/1, 08/1, 207/4, 208/7		Resort/Fixed Tenting Unit
8	Chhindawada	Jamtara	308	2.971	Resort/Fixed Tenting Unit
9	Betul	Khapa/Baitul	135/2, 136/2	1.00	Resort/Wellness Centre/Camping Sites and fixed Tenting Units
10	Jabalpur	Nanhakheda	42	0.405	Resort/Fixed Tenting Units
11	Hoshangabad	Chhirrai/Pipariya	32	6.098	Resort
12	Sheopur	Bansed	195/1	3.699	Resort
13	Sidhi	Chamradol	923, 924, 925	1.29	Resort/Fixed Tenting Unit
14	Sidhi	Chamradol	939, 947	1.20	Resort/Fixed Tenting Unit
15	Sidhi	Budharitola	269, 270	2.400	Resort/Fixed Tenting Unit
16	Sidhi	Parsili	686, 687	3.420	Resort
17	Sagar	Tilimafi 1	147/1, 147/2	0.898	Deluxe Hotel
18	Sehore	Lawakhedi/Sehore	122/8	25	Tourism Zone-Resort along with min. 4 other tourism projects as defined in Tourism Policy
19	Sehore	Lawakhedi/Sehore	122/8	10.00	Wellness Resort
20	Sehore	Lawakhedi/Sehore	122/8	5.00	Resort
21	Chhindawara	Sihora Bissala	90	1.000	Any Tourism Project
22	Satna	Kolgarh/Ramnagar	20/1	4.338	Resort
23	Mandasaur	Gandhi sagar Block No. 03 Halka No. 01	353, 391, 289	4.500	Resort/hotel and other tourism activity
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The RFP documents can be downloaded from website ${\color{blue}www.mptenders.gov.in}$. RFP documents can also be seen at www.tourism.mp.gov.in. MANAGING DIRECTOR M.P. Madhvam/102026/2021

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public places". On February 16. 2010, it had reiterated the order, saying "illegal religious structures constructed after September 29, 2009 shall not be tolerated".

On June 27, 2019, the Karnataka High Court had suo motu taken up a petition to enforce the Supreme Court orders. Since it began monitoring implementation of the orders, the High Court has pulled up the Karnataka government many times for tardy progress, forcing it to issue directions to officials in all districts to take action in a speedy manner.

Uri search ops

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1.1 | Survey & Demarcation and Construction or Road and CD works at I/A Sopr

Survey & Demarcation, Levelling of Land and Construction of Road & CD

works at re-planned portion area Ratangarh. UBN-RDC2122WSOB00811

Demarcation of Plots, P&F of Cantilever Sign Board and Road & CD Works

at Industrial Area Palsana ph-2nd, Distt.-Sikar. UBN-RDC2122WSOB0082

Survey, Demarcation and Construction of Road & CD Works at Industrial

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Area Fatehpur Sameliya, Bhilwara. UBN-RDC2122WLOB00829

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Bhopalgarh, Jodhpur. UBN-RDC2122WSOB00809

Unit Head, Bhilwara

Mobile and Internet communications were shut in the border area of Uri, before being resumed Tuesday night, and the forces as well as residents have been put on alert. Sources said the troops have not had any contact with the men since that initial exchange. "Search operations are still on," Defence spokesperson Emron Musavi said.

On Monday, the General Officer Commanding

Estimated

ost (Rs.in Lacs)

264.02

311.97

380.95

506.53

Srinagar-based 15 Corps, Lt Gen D P Pandey, had spoken of the ongoing Uri operation while saying there had been no violation or instigation from the Pakistan side since the February ceasefire. The top-most Army officer in the Valley had also said that while there had been infiltration attempts which had not been successful, there had been no covering fire or other support from the Pakistani side in the recent

Army sources said six-eight militants are believed to have tried to infiltrate across the Line of Control (LoC) in Uri. "When the Army spotted them, there was a brief exchange of fire but they escaped," said an officer. "We are not sure whether they turned back or managed to get deep into our side. But we believe that at least some of them have successfully managed to infiltrate. We have closed all the infiltration points and have mobilised forces to track them."

Army sources said that apart from Uri, soldiers in other sectors of the LoC in the Valley, including Kupwara and Gurez, had been put

Rape-murder

In their evidence filed against the accused, police have stated that the girl died due to suffocation while being sexually assaulted.

According to the chargesheet, the accused got "rattled after she stopped breathing". They decided to tell her parents that she died of electrocution and, to convince them, allegedly poured water on her body.

Shyam allegedly "created fear" in the mind of the child's mother about a police case and told her that her daughter's organs would be removed during the postmortem procedure. They also allegedlyoffered the child's mother Rs 20.000 and offered to cremate the body for free, police submit-The chargesheet further says

that the accused asked Salim to return to the crematorium and even as the mother kept saying no, Shyam asked Narayan and Salim to prepare the pyre. The chargesheet further states that Shyam took Kuldeep's help to place the body on the pyre and set it on fire.

By the time locals intervened and pulled the body off the pyre, it was considerably charred.

Police said Shyam also threw a bedsheet and a mobile phone into the pyre. According to the chargesheet, the bedsheet was allegedly used by the accused during the rape, and the mobile phone was one on which Shyam allegedly watched porn.

Heroin haul

of Afghan nationals in the drug racket might be possible".

Officials said the consignment had been officially declared as 'semi-processed talc stones' and was meant for Aashi Trading Company run by the Chennai couple, Machavaram Sudhakar and wife Vaishali Govindaraju Durga Purna, and registered in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh. The heroin was found concealed between stacks of the talc stones.

The six people held on Tuesday were detained by the Delhi zone of the DRI in a separate case. Sources said they were probing a link, as well as where the heroin consignment, weighing 2,988.219 kg exactly, was headed.

Special Public Prosecutor Kalpesh Goswami told The Indian Express that so far there were only two arrests. "Physical verification of the containers showed there were three layers made in each of the bags kept in the containers, where the drug consignment was mixed in layers of talc stones stacked upon each other. We are trying to probe the drug nexus from the two accused."

With Aashi's GST registration showing a Vijavawada address. the Vijayawada police released a statement Tuesday, saying, "So far, no activity, except using the Vijayawada house address for obtaining licences (by the wife for import and export), has come to notice. However, further enquiries are being conducted."

The Enforcement Directorate is likely to register a case of money laundering in connection with the drug haul.

The Adani Group issued a statement on behalf of Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ) saying a port operator's role was "limited to running the port". "APSEZ is a port operator providing services to shipping lines. We have no policing authority over the containers or the millions of tonnes of cargo that pass through the terminals in Mundra or any of our ports," it said.

Unfazed

voices". "We wanted to uphold the self-esteem of women," she says.

It is not the first time, though. that Thahiliya has fought for the cause of women in her community. In 2013, when a debate over underage marriages among Muslims emerged in Kerala, she was among the first to oppose the practice.

"I had said 'Let girls take the decision'. The clerics did not hear the girls before pushing their agenda. I had only echoed the growing sentiment among girls that they wanted to pursue studies," says Thahiliya, whose husband Shahzad K is also a lawyer.

"It is very difficult to fight for the cause of women in communities that have a patriarchal mindset," she says.



Sisodia makes pitch to boost capital's exports

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

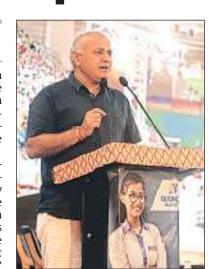
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

DELHI DEPUTY Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said Tuesday that "flaws in the country's trading system, because of which computers had to be exported in the category of typewriters for seven years after export started, had to be fixed to encourage trade and entrepreneurship.

"Today, there is a major flaw in the government software systems that is not willing to accept new reforms and immediately shows an error. This problem needs to be immediately rectified... This is the reason why it took seven years for the country's first computer to be exported by the name of a computer, as for these seven years it was kept in the category of 'typewriters'," Sisodia said.

He was speaking at a discussion with entrepreneurs on improving export opportunities and production in the national capital. Sisodia also said that a change in the mindset of students, alongside changes in trade laws and practices was needed to change the mindset from that of job seekers to job creators. "The sad reality is that students are studying with a mindset to grab jobs as soon as they complete their graduation. Students are brainwashed to become job seekers instead of job providers. If our students only run in the direction to attain jobs in the corporate or IT sector, then who will create jobs for the country?" he said.

Industries Minister Satyendar Jain said



Flagged flaws in trading system

that there was neither lack of opportunities nor a lack of space in Delhi and blamed DDA for not giving land to industries or allowing them to work. "The export business in Delhi requires quite a lot of space and this space cannot be created within the city all of a sudden. 30 years ago a policy of Decentralization of Services was formulated, at that time, thousands of people travelled from one place to another within Delhi, now that figure has gone up to lakhs. All governments should remove restrictions from export industries, and let businesses prosper and grow," he said.

Woman from Kyrgyzstan, son found dead in Kalkaji

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

A 28-YEAR-OLD woman from Kyrgyzstan and her one-year-old son were found dead inside a house in Southeast Delhi's Kakaji on Tuesday morning. Police said the woman, Myskal Zhumabaeva (28), was five months pregnant. She and her son Manas were found with multiple stab injuries inside her

A murder case has been registered but police are yet to make arrests. A senior police officer said several people are being questioned and "they are giving different ver-

According to police, on Monday night, Myskal had an argument with her husband Vinay Chauhan, after which he left home to meet a friend, Wahid. Myskal, meanwhile, complained of stomach ache and called her friend Matluba Madusmonova, an Uzbek national, who took her to hospital with another friend, Avinish. Afterwards, Matluba took Myskal and her son to her house in Kalkaji, where they were found dead in the

RP Meena, DCP Southeast, said, "Chauhan called the PCR in the morning and said his wife and child had been killed in Kalkaji. We found the two inside a bedroom with multiple stab wounds. A crime team and the FSL visited the spot and collected samples. Chauhan told us it was Matluba who called him in the morning and informed him about the deaths.'

Police said the couple had been married for two years and lived in Greater Kailash.Police have recovered a kitchen knife from the spot, During questioning, Matluba told police that she lives in Kalkaji with her friend Shaina, and that Avinish also stayed with them overnight.

"She told us she and her friends were together while Myskal and her son went to sleep. In the morning, she found the two dead and informed Chauhan," said police.

Two minors dead, one injured as tractor rams motorcycle

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE GURGAON, SEPTEMBER 21

TWO TEENAGERS were killed while one was injured after a tractor allegedly hit their motorcycle in village Bidhuki, Palwal on Tuesday evening. Police have registered an FIR against the tractor driver, who is absconding. Two police teams have been formed to trace the accused.

Police said the deceased have been identified by first names as Kuldeep and Krishan, both aged 15. Their friend, Sandeep, 14, suffered injuries and was rushed to a nearby hospital for treatment. All three hail from Hulwana village, Mathura district in UP, said police. According to police, the incident was reported around 6.30 pm, when the three were returning to their village on a motor-

Sajjan Singh, DSP Hodal, said, "As per preliminary information, the minors were passing through Bidhuki when a tractor coming from the opposite side hit their motorcycle. Two boys came under the tractor."

Waiting for auto, two women killed in hit-and-run

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NOIDA. SEPTEMBER 21

A WOMAN and her daughter died after allegedly being hit by a vehicle near Noida's Mahamaya flyover on Sunday night. The victims, Neeraj Sharma and Anjali Sharma, were waiting for a public transport vehicle near the flyover when the incident took place. Police have obtained information on the accused through eyewitness accounts and a broken number

"A call was made by passersby in Sector 37 that two persons had been injured by a speeding car on Sunday night. They were taken to Kailash Hospital for treatment. We have raided the premises of the accused and the entire family is absconding. Further investigation is pending," said Rajiv Baliyan, Sector 39 station house officer (SHO).

According to officials, Ramkaran Sharma, his wife Neeraj, and daughter Anjali were returning to their home in Sector 101 from Mathura after a religious function. The mother and daughter were standing on the pavement's curb while Ramkaran was trying to hail an auto when a Scorpio rammed into the three of them. The car skidded as it traversed the footpath, injuring the two women. Both of them sustained heavy injuries on the lower parts of their bodies. The speeding SUV tried to reverse onto the road and hit Ramkaran as well, he told police. As the crowd began to circle in, the car sped towards the flyover, they said.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, DLF Limited has proposed to The Director, Town & Country Planning, Haryana, Chandigarh (DTCP) to migrate Group Housing icence No. 28 of 2013 (12.12 acres) and ffordable Group Housing Licence No. 83 of 2010 10.056 acres) into licence for Affordable Plotted colony (DDJAY-2016) over an area measurir 26.919 acres, in Sector 93, Gurugram.

And whereas, the office of DTCP vide memo No. LC-4223/Asstt.(MS)/2021/23431 dated 20.09.2021, has issued Letter of Intent (LoI) whic equires to seek objections against the proposed nigration of above said licences. Accordingly, vide his public notice, objections are hereby invited om existing allottees, if any, of the said colony fo he proposed migration of the above said licences.

Allottee, if any, having any objection on th proposed migration of the above said licences may ile their objections in the office of District Tow Planner, Gurugram, Sector 14, Gurugram, within 30 days from the publication of this notice, failing which it shall be assumed that there are no objections to the proposed migration.

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Central Vista: Waqf Board wants protection of its properties, approaches High Court

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 2

THE DELHI Waqf Board has approached the Delhi High Court for protection and preservation of different religious properties situated in and around places where works under the Central Vista Redevelopment Project are taking place. The six properties including five mosques are more than 100 years old, said the petition.

Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva Tuesday adjourned the hearing of the case to September 29 after Solicitor General

structions. The court earlier observed that any stay on the project will not be possible on account of orders passed by higher courts. Senior Advocate Sanjoy Ghose, representing the Waqf board, clarified they were not seeking a stay on the project.



Centre for Environmental Management of Degraded Ecosystems (CEMDE) University of Delhi, Delhi 110007

Advertisement No.: CEMDE/DDA/Advt./2021-2022/13

Applications are invited on plain paper with detailed CV for appointment of the following temporary posts but likely to continue in DDA Biodiversity Parks Programme at CEMDE, University of Delhi, Delhi - 110007: 1 Landscapist, 3 Field Biologist, 1 Scientist 'B' 3 Technical Assistant, 4 Nature Education Officer, 6 Supervisor, 1 Documentation Officer. The detailed Advertisement is available at the University of Delhi website (www.du.ac.in under Work with DU). The Applications should reach to the Project Incharge, CEMDE, University of Delhi, Delhi - 110007 within 21 days from the date of advertisement. Project Incharge

Biodiversity Parks Programme

OFFER OPENING PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT UNDER REGULATION 18(7) OF SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA (SUBSTANTIAL ACQUISITION OF SHARES AND TAKEOVERS) REGULATIONS, 2011, AS AMENDED ("SEBI (SAST) REGULATIONS") AND CORRIGENDUM TO THE DETAILED PUBLIC STATEMENT FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE PUBLIC SHAREHOLDERS OF

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OPEN OFFER FOR ACQUISITION OF UP TO 2,17,36,894 FULLY PAID UP EQUITY SHARES HAVING FACE VALUE OF RS. 10 EACH ("EQUITY SHARES") AT A PRICE OF RS. 1,022,25 PER EQUITY SHARE, REPRESENTING 26.00% OF THE EMERGING VOTING CAPITAL (AS DEFINED BELOW) OF JUST DIAL LIMITED ("TARGET COMPANY"/ "TC") FROM THE PUBLIC SHAREHOLDERS (AS DEFINED BELOW) OF THE TARGET COMPANY, BY RELIANCE RETAIL VENTURES LIMITED ("ACQUIRER"), PURSUANT TO AND IN COMPLIANCE OF THE SEBI (SAST) REGULATIONS ("OFFER" / "OPEN OFFER").

This offer opening public announcement and corrigendum to the DPS (as defined below) ("Offer Opening Public Announcement and Corrigendum") is being issued by JM Financial Limited, the manager to the Open Offer ("Manager to the Offer" / "Manager"), for and on behalf of the Acquirer, pursuant to and in accordance with Regulation 18(7) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations in respect of the Open Offer.

This Offer Opening Public Announcement and Corrigendum should be read in continuation of and in conjunction with: (a) the Public Announcement dated July 16, 2021 ("PA"); (b) the Detailed Public Statement that was published in all editions of 'Financial Express' (English), 'Jansatta' (Hindi), 'Loksatta' (Marathi), and 'Indian Express' (English) on July 26, 2021 ("DPS"); and (c) the Letter of Offer dated September 14, 2021 along with FOA and Share Transfer Form ("LOF"). This Offer Opening Public Announcement and Corrigendum is being published in all the newspapers in which the DPS was published.

For the purposes of this Offer Opening Public Announcement and Corrigendum, the following terms would have the meaning assigned to them herein below

- "Emerging Voting Capital" means the total voting equity share capital of the Target Company on a fully diluted basis expected as of the 10th Working Day from the closure of the tendering period for the Offer. This includes (i) 2,11,77,636 Equity Shares allotted by the Target Company to the Acquirer, and (ii) 57,805 employee stock options vested or which shall vest prior to October 31, 2021.
- "Public Shareholders" means all the public shareholders of the Target Company who are eligible to tender their Equity Shares in the Offer, except the Acquirer, the Promoter and Promoter Group of the Target Company as on the date of the Public Announcement and the parties to the underlying SSA, SPA and SHA including persons deemed to be acting in concert with such parties to the SSA, SPA and SHA, pursuant to and in compliance with the SEBI (SAST) Regulations.

Capitalised terms used but not defined in this Offer Opening Public Announcement and Corrigendum shall have meaning assigned to such terms in the LOF

- Offer Price: The Offer Price is Rs. 1,022.25 per Offer Share payable in cash. There has been no revision in the Offer Price. For further details relating to the Offer Price, please refer to paragraph 7 beginning on page
- Recommendations of the committee of independent directors of the Target Company: The recommendation of committee of independent directors of the Target Company in Open Offer ("IDC") was approved on September 17, 2021 and published on September 19, 2021 in the same newspapers where the DPS was published. The relevant extract of the IDC recommendation is given below:

Members	of	the	Committee	
Independe	nt I	irec	tore	

Mr. B. Anand (Chairman of the IDC), Mr. Malcolm Monteiro, Mr. Sanjay Bahadur and Ms. Bhavna Thakur

Recommendation on the Open Offer, as to whether the Open Offer is fair and reasonable

The IDC is of the opinion that the Offer Price of Rs. 1,022.25/- per Equity Share offered by the Acquirer vide LOF dated September 14, 2021 is in accordance with SEBI (SAST) Regulations and is fair and However, the shareholders should independently evaluate an offer.

market performance of the Equity Shares of the TC and take informed

Summary of reasons for the

IDC has perused the Letter of Offer dated September 14, 2021, the Detailed Public Statement published on July 26, 2021 and the PA issued by JM Financial Limited (as the Manager to the open offer) on

- 1. On July 20, 2021, the Acquirer has acquired 1,30,61,163 Equity Shares of the TC, representing 15.62% of the Emerging Voting Capital of the TC at a price of Rs. 1,020.00 per Equity Share pursuant to the share purchase agreement dated July 16, 2021 executed between the Acquirer and Mr. Venkatachalam Sthan Subramani ("Seller") and Mrs. Anita Mani (as confirming party).
- 2. On September 1, 2021, the Acquirer has subscribed to 2,11,77,636 Equity Shares of the TC, representing 25.33% of the Emerging Voting Capital of the TC at the price of Rs. 1,022.25 per Equity Share pursuant to the share subscription agreement entered into on July 16, 2021 between the Acquirer, TC, the Seller and
- BDO India LLP has been engaged by IDC to independently evaluate if the Offer Price is in accordance with SEBI (SAST) Regulations. BDO India LLP have submitted their report dated September 16, 2021 and have also presented their findings to the IDC, in its meeting held on September 17, 2021. Under their report, they have commented that the open offer price is in compliance Regulations.
- 4. Based on the above, the IDC is of the opinion that the offer price of Rs. 1,022.25/- per Equity Share is in accordance with the guidelines prescribed by SEBI (SAST) Regulations and is fair and

Details	of	Independent	Advisors
if any			

Disclosure of the voting pattern

The recommendations were unanimously approved by the IDC

BDO India LLP

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- 3.1 The Open Offer is being made under Regulations 3(1) and 4 of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations to the Public Shareholders of the Target Company.
- 3.2. The Open Offer is not a competing offer in terms of Regulation 20 of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations. Further, there is no competing offer to this Open Offer. The Open Offer is not conditional upon any minimum level of acceptance in terms of Regulation 19(1) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations. 3.3. The LOF dated September 14, 2021 has been dispatched (through electronic mode or physical mode)
- by September 16, 2021 to the Public Shareholders as on the Identified Date (being September 8, 2021) in accordance with Regulation 18(2) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations and as described in Paragraph 8.1.1 of the LOF. It is clarified that all the Public Shareholders (even if they acquire Equity Shares and become shareholders of the Target Company after the Identified Date) are eligible to participate in the Open Offer.
- 3.4. Please note that a copy of the LOF (which inter alia includes detailed instructions in relation to the procedure for acceptance and settlement of the Open Offer in Paragraph 9, as well as the FOA) is also available on the websites of SEBI and the Registrar to the Offer at www.sebi.gov.in, https://karisma.kfintech.com, respectively. Further, a Public Shareholder who wishes to obtain a copy of the LOF and the FOA may send a request to the Registrar to the Offer at the email id mentioned at the cover page of the LOF stating the name, address, number of Equity Shares held, client ID number, DP name / ID, beneficiary account number, and upon receipt of such request, a copy of the LOF shall be provided to such Public Shareholder.
- 3.5. In case of non-receipt/ non-availability of the FOA, a Public Shareholder may participate in the Open Offer: (i) by using the FOA obtained in the manner described above; or (ii) by providing their application in plain paper in writing signed by all shareholder(s), stating name, address, number of shares held, client ID number, DP name, DP ID number, number of shares being tendered and other relevant documents as mentioned in the LOF. Such Public Shareholders have to ensure that their order is entered in the electronic platform to be made available by BSE or NSE before the closure of
 - (a) In case of Public Shareholders holding Equity Shares in dematerialized form: Public Shareholders who are holding Equity Shares in dematerialized form and who desire to tender their Equity Shares in dematerialized form under the Open Offer would have to do so through their respective Selling Broker by giving the details of Equity Shares they intend to tender in accordance with the procedure as mentioned in paragraph 9.4 of the LOF.
 - (b) In case of Public Shareholders holding Equity Shares in physical form: Public Shareholders holding Equity Shares in physical form may participate in the Open Offer through the relevant Selling Broker by providing name, address, number of Equity Shares held, number of Equity Shares tendered and other relevant documents as mentioned in paragraph 9.5 of the LOF along

Public Shareholders have to ensure that their order is entered in the electronic platform, by the Selling Broker, to be made available by BSE and NSE before the closure of the Tendering Period $\,$

In accordance with Regulation 16(1) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations, the draft letter of offer dated August 2, 2021 ("DLOF") was submitted to SEBI on August 2, 2021. SEBI issued its observations on the DLOF vide its communication dated September 6, 2021 bearing reference number SEBI/HO/CFD/DCR-III/OW/22708/1. SEBI's observations have been incorporated in the LOF.

Material Updates (included in the LOF)

Public Shareholders are requested to note the following key changes to the DPS and DLOF as included in the LOF in relation to the Open Offer:

- 5.1. Completion of the underlying transactions and modification in financial arrangement
 - The Target Company, after the receipt of shareholders' approval on August 13, 2021, fulfilment of other conditions precedents and in accordance with the articles of association of the Target Company, issued and allotted the Subscription Shares to the Acquirer on September 1, 2021. The Acquirer had accordingly made a disclosure dated September 2, 2021 under Regulatior 18(6) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations. Please refer to paragraph 3.1.2 on page 13 of the LOF.
 - On September 1, 2021, the Acquirer deposited an additional Rs. 1924.84.85,902.00 in the cash escrow account, opened by the Acquirer in terms of Regulation 17 of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations, which together with the initial cash deposit of Rs. 297,20,53,990.00 made by the Acquirer in terms of Regulation 17(1) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations, is more than the Offer Consideration payable under the Open Offer, assuming full acceptance of the Open Offer. Accordingly, in terms of Regulation 22(2) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations, the Sale Shares that were acquired by the Acquirer on July 20, 2021 have been credited to the Acquirer's demat account from the Share Escrow Account on September 1, 2021. Further, in light of the above, the

Subscription Shares that were issued and allotted to the Acquirer on September 1, 2021 were directly credited to the Acquirer's demat account. The Acquirer can exercise voting rights on the Subscription Shares as well as the Sale Shares. Please refer to paragraphs 3.1.4 and 7.2.2 on pages 13 and 37 of the LOF, respectively.

On and from the Control Date, i.e. September 1, 2021, the Acquirer has acquired sole control over the Target Company and is the promoter of the Target Company. The board of directors of the Target Company has also been re-constituted. Please refer to paragraph 3.1.6 on page 14 of

5.2. Reconstitution of the board of the Target Company

- On and from the Control Date, the Acquirer controls the composition of the board of directors of the Target Company in accordance with applicable laws and is entitled to nominate all directors on the board of the Target Company except the managing director and chief executive officer (who shall be appointed as set out paragraph 3.1.9 (a)(ii) of the LOF) and the independent directors (who shall be appointed in accordance applicable laws)
- Accordingly, on and with effect from September 1, 2021, the board of directors of the Target Company was re-constituted with the appointment of the following directors: Ranjit V. Pandit as an additional director designated as an non-executive independent director, and V. Subramaniam, Dinesh Thapar, Ashwin Khasgiwala, Geeta Fulwadaya and Divya Murthy as additional directors designated as non-executive non-independent directors; and resignation of the following directors from the board of directors of the Target Company: Pulak Prasad, Anita Mani and Abhishek Bansal. Please refer to paragraphs 3.1.10 and 6.14 on pages 18 and 30 of the

5.3. Approval for amendment of articles of association of the Target Company

The board of the Target Company, at their meeting held on September 1, 2021, subject to the approval of the shareholders of the Target Company, approved the alteration of the articles of association of the Target Company in order to inter alia incorporate the provisions of the SHA, pursuant to the provisions of section 14 and other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013. Please refer to paragraph 3.1.10 on page 18 of the LOF. 5.4. Updates regarding the Acquisition Window facility

The Open Offer will be implemented by the Acquirer through stock exchange mechanism made

available by BSE and NSE in the form of separate window ("Acquisition Window") as provided under the SEBI (SAST) Regulations and SEBI circular CIR/CFD/POLICYCELL/1/2015 dated April 13, 2015 as amended vide SEBI circular CFD/DCR2/CIR/P/2016/131 dated December 9, 2016. Please refer to paragraph 9 beginning on page 41 of the LOF. 5.5. Other key updates and changes updated in the LOF.

(a) Included the definition of Promoter and Promoter Group of the Target Company as on the date of the Public Announcement. Please refer to the definition included on page 10 of the LOF for

- (b) Included the definition of SPA Long Stop Date and SSA Long Stop Date. Please refer to the definitions included on page 11 of the LOF for further details. Included the confirmation that there are no directions subsisting or proceedings pending against
- the Acquirer and the Target Company. Please refer to paragraphs 3.1.12, 4.1.11 and 6.16 on pages 19, 26 and 31 of the LOF, respectively for further details. Included details of the non-competition and non-solicitation provisions under the SHA with respect to the Seller and Mrs. Anita Mani. Please refer to paragraph 3.1.9 (h) on page 18 of the
- Capital structure has been updated to include the allotment of Subscription Shares. Please references
- to paragraph 6.7 on page 30 of the LOF for further details Included details of the closing price of the Equity Shares as of date of the PA and July 19, 202 (next trading day after PA) on the BSE, NSE and MSE. Please refer to paragraph 6.18 on page 33 of the LOF for further details.
- The pre and post offer shareholding pattern of the Target Company as on the Identified Date assuming full acceptance under the Open Offer and related information has been updated. Please refer to paragraph 6.19 on page 33 of the LOF for further details.

Status of Statutory and Other Approvals

To the best of the knowledge of the Acquirer, as on the date of this Offer Opening Public Announcement and the best of the Robert Public Announcement and the Bouncement and the Robert Public Announcement AnCorrigendum, there are no statutory, regulatory or other approvals required by the Acquirer to acquire the Offer Shares that are validly tendered pursuant to the Open Offer. If, however, any statutory or other approval becomes applicable prior to completion of such acquisitions, the Open Offer would be subject to such other statutory or other approval(s) being obtained. Please also refer to paragraph 8.4 beginning on page 40 of the LOF for further details.

Revised Schedule of Activities:

No.	Activity	Schedule disclosed in DLOF (Day and Date)	Revised Schedule (Day and Date) ¹
1.	Date of PA	Friday, July 16, 2021	Friday, July 16, 2021
2.	Date of publication of DPS	Monday, July 26, 2021	Monday, July 26, 202
3.	Last day for filing of the DLOF with SEBI	Monday, August 2, 2021	Monday, August 2, 2021
4.	Last date for public announcement for competing offer(s) ²	Tuesday, August 17, 2021	Tuesday, August 17, 2021
5.	Last date for receipt of SEBI observations on the draft letter of offer (in the event SEBI has not sought clarifications or additional information from the Manager)	Wednesday, August 25, 2021	Monday, September 6, 2021 ³
6.	Identified Date⁴	Friday, August 27, 2021	Wednesday, September 8, 2021
7.	Last date by which this Letter of Offer is to be dispatched to the Public Shareholders whose names appear on the register of members on the Identified Date	Friday, September 3, 2021	Thursday, September 16, 2021
8.	Last date for upward revision of the Offer Price and/or Offer Size	Wednesday, September 8, 2021	Tuesday, September 21, 2021
9.	Last date by which the committee of the independent directors of the Target Company is required to give its recommendation to the Public Shareholders for this Open Offer	Wednesday, September 8, 2021	Tuesday, September 21, 2021
10.	Date of publication of opening of Open Offer public announcement in the newspapers in which the DPS was published	Thursday, September 9, 2021	Wednesday, September 22, 2021
11.	Date of commencement of the tendering period ("Offer Opening Date")	Monday, September 13, 2021	Thursday, September 23, 2021
12.	Date of closure of the tendering period ("Offer Closing Date")	Friday, September 24, 2021	Wednesday, October 6, 2021
13.	Last date of communicating the rejection/ acceptance and completion of payment of consideration or return of Equity Shares to the Public Shareholders	Friday, October 8, 2021	Friday, October 22, 2021
14.	Last date for publication of post-Open Offer public announcement in the newspapers in which the DPS was published	Monday, October 18, 2021	Friday, October 29, 2021

(1) Where last dates are mentioned for certain activities, such activities may take place on or before the respective

(2) There is no competing offer as on the date of this Offer Opening Public Announcement and Corrigendun (3) Actual date of receipt of SEBI's final observations on the DLOF.

(4) Identified Date is only for the purpose of determining the names of the Public Shareholders to whom the LOF would be sent. It is clarified that all the Public Shareholders (even if they acquire Equity Shares and become shareholders of the Target Company after the Identified Date) are eligible to participate in the Open Offer.

The Acquirer and its directors, in their capacity as directors of the Acquirer, accept the responsibility for the information contained in this Offer Opening Public Announcement and Corrigendum (except for the information pertaining to the Target Company, which has been sourced from publicly available sources or from information published or provided by the Target Company) and also for the obligations of the Acquirer, respectively, laid down in the SEBI (SAST) Regulations in respect of the Open Offer.

This Offer Opening Public Announcement and Corrigendum will be available on SEBI's website at www.sebi.gov.in) Issued on behalf of the Acquirer by the Manager to the Offer



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ORDER BASED ON WOMAN'S PLEA OVER STALLING OF COMMITTEE

Oxygen shortage Covid deaths: HC allows probe by Delhi govt panel

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

DELHI High Court Tuesday allowed the high-power committee (HPC) set up by the Delhi government to investigate deaths of Covid-19 patients allegedly due to shortage of medical oxygen, to proceed after it was told that the HPC was only a fact-finding panel, and that its functioning would not overlap with the mandate of the sub-group constituted on the orders of the Supreme Court with regard to oxygen.

The Delhi government's decision to set up the panel had been stayed by the Lieutenant Governor earlier

The court passed the order on a petition by a woman who ar-

18-year-old

in Gurgaon

drowns while

immersing idol

Gurgaon: An 18-year-old,

who had gone to a canal

in Dhankot to immerse

Lord Ganesh's idol,

drowned on Monday

night. Police said his

body was fished out on

Inquest proceedings have been initiated and

police are ascertaining

more details. According

to the police, the de-

ceased, identified as

Rohit, had gone to the

canal to immerse the

idol, along with a group

of friends, around 8 pm.

Police said he slipped

during immersion and

was swept away by the

flow of water. ENS

Man held for

fabricating

robbery to

steal cash

New Delhi: The

Police has arrested an

employee of a cardboard

factory for allegedly con-

cocting fake robbery

story to steal Rs 2 lakh, of-

ficials said Tuesday. The

Nangloi police station

had received a call

around 10.15 pm

Saturday, in which a man

had said his driver had

been assaulted by 2 per-

sons and Rs 2 lakh had

been robbed, they said.

On examining footage

from over 50 CCTV cam-

eras, the police found no

such incident had taken

place near Sukhi Nahar,

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

THE DELHI University has con-

stituted a National Education

Policy (NEP) Interdisciplinary

Courses Committee to frame

syllabi for undergraduate inter-

disciplinary courses that are to

be offered to students as part of

the implementation of NEP in

the next academic year 2022-

and Executive Council (EC) had

earlier passed the NEP's imple-

mentation from the next aca-

demic session. This means DU

will now have a four-year un-

dergraduate programme start-

ing next year. While there has

been criticism from a large sec-

tion of teachers regarding the

"undemocratic" and "hasty" de-

DU's Academic Council (AC)

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

officials said. PTI

morning.

Tuesday

BRIEFLY —

able justification to stall the functioning of the HPC, as issues like health, or the grant of ex gratia monetary reliefs or other benefits are "within the exclusive domain of the Government of Delhi".

The woman, whose husband died of Covid-19 in May at a private hospital, had said that the non-operationalisation of the committee was arbitrary, and smacked of mala fide.

The Division Bench of Justices Vipin Sanghi and Jasmeet Singh took note of the government's submission that the HPC would not attribute any liability or fault to hospitals, and that the compensation would be paid by the

The court noted that the criteria for determining the comThe court rejected the argu-

ment by LG's counsel that it should wait for the guidelines on ex gratia that are being framed by Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) on the orders of the SC.

The HPC has been mandated to probe the cause of death in cases where it has been alleged that people died due to the shortage of medical oxygen. The committee should make a criteria for compensation limited to a maximum of Rs 5 lakh in each case. It has the power to seek documents from hospitals. The government said that the HPC would pass a reasoned order in the cases where complaints have been received.

In the written reply, the AAP Earlier, Senior Advocate Rahul Mehra, for the Delhi government, government had questioned the

not referred the matter to the

President, and had primarily ob-

jected to the setting-up of the

HPC on the ground that the SC has

already constituted a sub-group.

has taken a decision that a maxi-

mum of Rs 5 lakh of compensa-

tion, depending upon the com-

mittee report, wherever there is

negligence, shall be granted.

What is now taking place in Delhi

is... because of this conflict which

needs to be decided at the earli-

est... the citizen is being short-

changed, that cannot be permit-

ted. At least from the point of view

of the citizen, there should be an

end to it," Mehra had told the

"The government of the day

that its decision should be considered final and binding. There was no reasonable and lawful justification for objecting to the constitution of an HPC, it had argued, supporting the woman's petition.

Following the HC directions, the Delhi government said in a statement: "We respect the court's direction and are grateful for the same. The Delhi Government has been serious about the deaths in the capital due to lack of oxygen during the Corona pandemic. The Delhi Government wants the truth to come out in front of everyone. We sent the file in this regard twice to the LG but surprisingly he refused to give his nod. Finally, today the court has upheld the stance of the Delhi Government.

Guidelines on spas are yet to be notified: Govt to HC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

THE DELHI government, in response to a petition challenging the recent guidelines prohibiting cross-gender massage in spas, has told the Delhi High Court that guidelines are yet to be notified and are not being enforced at the moment. "As of date, all the spas in the NCT of Delhi are being permitted to run on the basis of the existing guidelines and conditions of the Health Trade Licences issued in their favour," the government told the court.

It further stated that no action on the basis of the impugned guidelines will be taken till they are notified in accordance with the law, and the clauses are incorporated in the 'Health Trade Licenses' issued to the spas under Section 417 of the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, 1957.

However, the government sion to issue guidelines was a well-considered one, and sought time from the court to file an affidavit explaining the reasons which propelled authorities to issue these guidelines.

This comes even as the East Delhi Municipal Corporation formed a policy for operation of spas and massage centres stating that cross-gender massage would not be allowed, and masks and PPE kits are compulsory if the session lasts more than half an hour.

Mayor of the East Delhi Shyam Sundar Aggarwal said he has given an interim approval to the policy and it would be passed later by the standing committee and the House.

rejuvenation to the NGT and three years since it filed a second application saying that both the Delhi and Haryana governments had not taken any remedial measures.

Meanwhile, the Wetland

jheel awaits revival push

Between two states, a

Inundated paddy fields at Rawta. Abhinaya Harigovind

ABHINAYA HARIGOVIND

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

STRADDLING HARYANA and

Delhi, the Najafgarh jheel, a wet-

land of immense ecological sig-

nificance, awaits a push for re-

vival from both sides of the

The Delhi government wrote

to the Union Ministry of

Environment, Forest and Climate

Change on August 26 this year to

clarify whether it should go

ahead with the implementation

of its Environment Management

Plan (EMP) on the Najafgarh

jheel, submitted to the National

Green Tribunal (NGT) earlier this

year, or if it must wait for

Tribunal directed that Haryana

a transboundary waterbody.

ter completing the EMP."

The Tribunal then directed

the chief secretaries of Haryana

sure further remedial action ex-

peditiously which will include

ascertaining status of existing

water quality, preventing entry

of untreated sewage into the

lake, preventing and removing

tor of the Department of

Environment and Climate

Change, Haryana, said that the

EMP for Haryana was being pre-

pared and would most likely be

submitted to the NGT by the next

date of hearing. The matter will

be considered by the NGT next

the Indian National Trust for Art

and Cultural Heritage (INTACH)

first took the matter of the lake's

It has been seven years since

RK Chauhan, the joint direc-

encroachments"

on October 4

In September last year, the

Harvana to submit its plan.

border.

Authority of Delhi has turned parts of the EMP into an action plan that it can begin executing from October, if the MoEFCC gives its go-ahead. The action plan includes assessing current and historical water quality of the jheel, identifying and quantifying sources of pollution, and identification of all drains polluting the jheel. Immediate measures like constituting a Najafgarh Wetlands Committee, commissioning a species inventory and a hydrological assessment to determine groundwater recharge and silted-up areas have been in-

cluded in the action plan. and the NCT of Delhi must jointly prepare an EMP since the jheel is These measures were recommended in the EMP by a team of When the NGT considered experts constituted to develop the issue in June this year, it the plan. The EMP had also suggested a two-layer buffer zone noted, "The State of Haryana has around the lake which will serve neither prepared EMP nor given any explanation for not doing so. as a flood absorption area, be-The Delhi government has presides completely curtailing construction activity in and around pared the draft EMP but execution thereof has to be ensured afthe wetland on grounds of seis-

mic and liquefaction risks. A senior official of the Delhi government said that notifying and Delhi to "coordinate with the jheel as a wetland, a significould be taken only after the two plans are merged and a brief submitted to the Union government for notification.

> The jheel is located in the basin of the Sahibi river, now called the Najafgarh drain, a 51km long stretch in Delhi. The masterplan of Delhi shows an area of 890 acres as the Najafgarh iheel. Agricultural land constitutes a large chunk of the villages flanking the wetland. On Sunday, several of the farmlands at Rawta village along the interstate boundary were flooded with rainwater. "Heavy rainfall this year has left fields completely inundated. Water flows in from the Haryana side," said Kishan Singh, a farmer with around 40 acres of

land. Several acres of his paddy field were immersed in water on Sunday, and the crop destroyed before the harvest. "Farmers here would grow two crops a year. Growing even one crop is now becoming difficult with the fields getting flooded," Singh

The EMP states that "the natural inundation regimes of Najafgarh Jheel have been fragmented by upstream water diversions and construction of embankment along the left margin. On the Delhi side, the grasslands which prevailed in the sixties have been cleared for agriculture. On the Gurgaon side, wetland margins have been developed for settlements and

agriculture.' Parts of the drain and lake were smothered with a carpet of water hyacinth on Sunday, which may indicate toxicity, according to the EMP. Continuous discharge of sewage from Gurgaon and villages of Delhi has led to poor water quality conditions in the wetland, the EMP

Neha Sinha, who works with the Bombay Natural History Society, and is a part of the expert committee that developed the EMP, said, "The two states need to work together. Most of the water is in haryana. The existing planned horticulture will have to be factored in, since it's a multiple-use wetland. The area needs to be managed for its birds. It seems to be part of a larger wetland complex with birds moving from Basai, Sultanpur and Najafgarh," she said. The area has a resident population of greater flamingos in the lake and in the

fields in the villages The EMP notes that the jheel is inhabited by 281 bird species, including resident and migratory ones. The threatened species found in the area include the Egyptian vulture, the Sarus Crane, and the Greater Spotted Eagle. Flocks of birds also throng the trees beside some parts of the drain.



QUTUB MADE ACCESSIBLE

Wooden and glass ramps on iron frames are being made at Qutub Minar, as the stairs eroded and became slippery. This will also be convenient for differently-abled people. Abhinav Saha

To cut coal, thermal plants told to use paddy straw pellets too

SHIVNARAYAN RAJPUROHIT

TO MINIMISE farm fires and improve air quality in the capital, a central government panel has directed 11 thermal power plants within a 300 km radius of Delhi to co-fire 5-10% biomass fuel of their total coal consumption.

In its latest direction on September 17, the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAOM) asked them "to initiate immediate steps to co-fire biomass-based pellets, torrefied pellets/briquettes (with focus on paddy straw) with coal (up to 5-10%) in the power plants through a continuous and uninterrupted supply chain". The panel also ordered them to implement the direction without "any delay".

DU constitutes NEP panel to

frame syllabi for undergrads

Culture, Social and Emotional

Learning, Innovation and

Entrepreneurship, Co-curricu-

Skills, Data Analysis and

September 20, Registrar Vikas

Gupta announced the constitu-

tion of a seven-membered

Committee to frame the syllabi.

The Committee will be chaired

by Professor Vivek Suneja of the

Faculty of Management Studies.

who also chaired the earlier NEP

Implementation Committee --

the suggestions of which were

finally adopted by DU's AC and

Committee has former Dean of

Admissions Shobha Bagai, and

principals of Hindu College,

Lady Shri Ram College and

Ramanujan College, among

"The Committee shall frame

other members.

Apart from Suneja, the

Mathematics

Delhi-NCR region and laid stress on using crop residue as a fuel.

As per Urbanemissions.info, farm fires contributed to 30% of Delhi's PM 2.5, and power plants and diesel generators 7.4% between October 15 and November 15 in 2020 during the paddy harvesting season in Punjab, Haryana, and UP. The power generation capacity of the 11 coalfired power plants stands at

12,710 MW. The National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has told the commission that the fuel change move would not require any design tweak in boilers. "NTPC has confirmed that it is technically feasible and implementable to co-fire bio-moss pellets with coal

Minister Bhupendra Yadav mal power plants without any chaired a meeting with represen- modifications in the boilers," read

> 20 million tonnes and 1.2 million tonnes of paddy straw a year. Experts said that unless the seamless supply of crop residue from fields to end-users, including power plants, was ensured, the

> "In October-January, NCR plants use a little over 10 million tonnes of coal and account for 25% of the coal-based generation in north India. Replacing 10% of this coal with farm pellets could mean utilisation of 1.3 million tonnes of crop residue... The processing and supply chain to even process 1.3 million tonnes of biomass is not in place," said Karthik Ganesan, Fellow, Council on Energy Environment and Water.

Haryana and Punjab generate

direction would have no impact.

Days after reopening, DU footfall still low

ARANYA SHANKAR NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

FIVE DAYS after the Delhi University (DU) opened its colleges for practical classes, attendance continues to remain quite low, with many students -- most of whom are from outside Delhi-choosing to wait and watch for

DU opened its colleges on September 16 for laboratory and practical work for final-year undergraduate and postgraduate students, who can also attend these offline. In the phased reopening, the rooms are to be used only at 50 per cent capacity and all theory classes will continue completely online.

low on the first day, there were some expectations that the numbers would increase. However, across colleges, there are very few students returning for now. "There are not many students

turning up. Percentage wise it's a low number, but today for example around 80 students had come. They are turning up for labs and tutorials, but the number is low.



DU opened its colleges on September 16 for laboratory and practical work for final-year undergraduate and postgraduate students. Archive

It seems most students are not interested in coming back. There are apprehensions that there may be a third wave, and as of now the students who are coming also have mostly just got one dose of the vaccination. We have only local students, the outstation students are not really coming," said Hansraj College principal Rama.

Hindu College principal Anju Srivastava also said there were around 10 to 12 students in the science subjects who were com-

ing to college but the number was low. "We have just opened for practicals, not for theory. So to come down to college for practicals and then rush back for theory classes must be a logistical issue. Plus accommodation is also a problem and parents are also not very keen on sending their children with the possibility of a third wave," she said.

Daulat Ram College principal Savita Roy said just about 30% students were coming to college for

lab work. "Not many students are keen due to various reasons, especially as theory classes are still online. However, in one specific course, B Sc Life Sciences, many students wrote to me saying they would like to come. So for them, we have drawn up a schedule and we will open the college for one month and see how the experiment goes," she said.

For students, especially those living outside Delhi, coming to campus for practical classes does

not seem like a feasible solution. Aarushi Sharma, a final-year Computer Science student at Miranda House, said she had gone to college only once. "I'm living in Delhi, so I went, but most of my classmates are not coming. Out of 60, around 8-10 people are coming. Parents don't want to spend money on sending their students to Delhi just to attend practicals. Also the living cost is too much. They will come once physical classes begin," she said.

DU Registrar Vikas Gupta, however, said the university had not yet planned the second phase of re-opening. "We will think of it when there are any further DDMA guidelines," he said.

Meanwhile, several major student groups of Jamia Millia Islamia like All India Students' Association, Campus Front of India, Students' Islamic Organisation, Students' Federation of India and others have demanded that the campus reopen at the earliest.

A senior official had earlier told The Indian Express that Jamia would wait for directions from the UGC before taking a decision to reopen since it's a central university.

cision to implement NEP, the administration has said it is geared to adopt it from the 2022-2023 academic year.

The interdisciplinary courses

for which the syllabi will have to

the syllabi with respect to new interdisciplinary courses that are part of the structures of the

be prepared are: Ethics and undergraduate programmes of study approved by the Academic Council... and Executive Council... for implelar, Science and Society, and IT mentation from the Academic Year 2022-23, for consideration of the Academic Council of the In a notification dated University," Gupta said.

"The NEP Interdisciplinary Courses Committee is empowered to constitute interdisciplinary sub-committees/working groups for assisting the Committee in framing the syllabi for the NEP Interdisciplinary Courses, composed of teachers of the departments, centres and colleges of the University," he added.

Gupta told The Indian Express that the Committee will create the basic structure. "They have the freedom to decide what sub-committees they want to form, the subject experts they wish to co-opt. They have not been given any deadline as such but since it is to be implemented from next year, it will have to be done before that," he said.

While the footfall was very

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CONTENT TALK

I&B MINISTER Anurag Thakur met Reed Hastings, co-founder and CEO of video-stream giant Netflix, on Tuesday. Tweeting a photo of the meeting, with Hastings wearing a traditional hat and stole from the minister's home state Himachal Pradesh, Thakur said, "Today consumers of content are traveling the world through stories; India offers a variety of opportunities and ideas - in multiple languages." While officials only said the meeting was positive, it comes after months of apprehensions among OTT players such as Netflix as the government has brought in laws to have some influence on their content - what should or should not be shown. The government has been pushing for self-regulation, but it directly intervened in January to get some scenes edited out in one such show. The new IT rules brought content on OTT platforms directly under the I&B Ministry's purview.

Warm Exchange

FRENCH PRESIDENT Emmanuel Macron unleashed a charm offensive as he tweeted in Hindi to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "Namaste, Priya Sathi, Priya Mitra... Thank you for reaffirming the importance of our Strategic Partnership. India and France are strongly committed to making the Indo-Pacific an area of cooperation and shared values. We will continue to build on this," he tweeted, in response to Modi's tweet. Modi had said he had spoken to "my friend" Macron. This was an interesting exchange days before the Quad summit, which comes after the Australia-UK-US deal has been signed that has upset France.

QUESTION OF PARITY

WITH THE government promising a just leave system for the Central Armed Police Forces to decrease stress levels, the CRPF had sent a proposal to the Ministry of Home Affairs to increase casual leave of the personnel from 15 days to 28 days. The proposal was made on the ground that defence forces get 28 days leave and the CAPFs work in similar tough conditions. The MHA, however, has rejected the proposal, saying CAPFs cannot seek parity with the armed forces as the former are civilian forces

Centre reopens talks, two CMs meet NSCN's Muivah

TORA AGARWALA GUWAHATI, SEPTEMBER 21



Tweeting about the meeting with "NCSN-IM representatives", in which Nagaland CM Neiphiu Rio was also present, Sarma said PM Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah were "committed to ensure ever-lasting peace in the North East" and expressed hope of "concrete results" soon.

Rio told reporters in Dimapur that Sarma — also the convenor of the Northeast Democratic Alliance, a grouping of major parties of the region, led by the BJP – conveyed the Union Home Minister's message to NSCN-IM leaders. "Amit Shah ji has expressed his happiness again to resume the talks and conveyed that a solution should be found at the earliest and that the government





Himanta Biswa Sarma, Neiphiu Rio

is open for discussion... Whatever had gone wrong, (we should) forgive and forget and move ahead," Rio said, adding that the talks were "positive" A PTI report from Kohima

quoted NSCN-IM leader R Raising as saying, "We have never had talks with political leaders...But we have to, if they are assigned by the Central government.' The meeting comes days after

the transfer of R N Ravi, the Centre's main interlocutor for the Naga talks, as Nagaland governor. One reason for the talks getting stalled was the strained relationship between him and the NSCN-IM. The meeting also follows the official formation of an all-party government in Nagaland, to

iointly push for an early settlement of the Naga problem.

While the Centre is yet to officially declare the new interlocutor, Rio indicated that it could be former Intelligence Bureau (IB) special director A K Mishra, who assisted Ravi in the talks. A source said Mishra met Muivah separately in Dimapur Monday, and that Sarma had also met the former IB officer.

Rio said he had handed over a letter by the Union Home Secretary to the NSCN-IM as reply to their two letters to the Centre, on February 25, 2020, and June 12, 2021. "It said that AK Mishra is being authorised to resume talks with the NSCN-IM. The letter also mentioned that the Prime Minister is keen to resolve the Naga issue," said Rio.

An NSCN-IM leader said that they expect Ravi's departure to help the talks and that Mishra was not new to the Naga issue. Asked about the significance

of Tuesday's meeting, the leader said he couldn't comment much on it since it was closed-door where he was not present.

FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

After Governor Assembly session demand, Uddhav says convene **Parliament**

VISHWAS WAGHMODE MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 21

DAYS AFTER Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari wrote to the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government asking it to consider a two-day Assembly session to discuss women's safety against the backdrop of the rape of a homeless woman in Mumbai earlier this month, Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray has suggested that Koshvari should write to the Union government seeking a four-day Parliament session.

Thackeray wrote that Koshyari should request the Prime Minister and home minister to convene Parliament to talk about the image of Delhi as the "rape capital", of Hathras, Unnao and Badaun gangrapes in Uttar Pradesh and similar incidents in Uttarakhand and Guiarat.

"We are all devotees of Lord Rama, who always kept a bow ready for the safety of women... But are women really safe in that Ram Rajva?" Uddhav wrote.

Kasturirangan-led panel to develop new curriculum for schools

SOURAV ROY BARMAN NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

THE GOVERNMENT Tuesday initiated the process to revise the NCERT textbooks, which are taught in CBSE-affiliated schools, by setting up a committee for drafting the document that will lay down the broad guidelines for changes in the curriculum.

The 12-member National Steering Committee will be headed by former ISRO chief K Kasturirangan, who also headed the drafting committee of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The document, known as the National Curriculum Framework (NCF), was last prepared in 2005 under the UPA government, and before that, it was revised in 1975, 1988 and 2000.

The committee also includes National Book Trust chairman Govind Prasad Sharma, who has been the president of RSS's education wing Vidya Bharati, which runs a chain of schools across the country. Sharma remains a member of Vidya Bharti's central executive committee.

Among others, the panel has Fields Medal recipient Manjul Bhargava, author of *The Lost River*: On The Trail of Saraswati Michel Danino, Jamia Millia Islamia University Vice-Chancellor Najma Akhtar and Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh Vice-Chancellor TV Kattimani.

Bhargava and Kattimani were also part of the NEP drafting panel.

The formation of the committee comes a year after Prime Minister Narendra Modi's announcement that school students will study under a new curriculum drawn from the NEP by 2022.

Revisions in the school curriculum to correct alleged historical inaccuracies and incorporate

elements of "ancient Indian knowledge" have long dominated the agenda of the RSS. Murli Manohar Joshi, who was the HRD Minister in the AB Vajpayee government between 1998-99 and 1999-2004 had faced allegations of "saffronisation of education".

A Parliamentary panel led by Rajya Sabha member Vinay Sahasrabuddhe had earlier this year taken up the issue of textbook reforms, seeking submissions on books containing "unhistorical facts and distortions".

Since coming to power in 2014, the BJP government has effected some revisions in the curriculum. including introduction of schemes and policies such as the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Digital India and move towards cashless economy

Significantly, the NEP also states that elements such as knowledge from ancient India "will be incorporated in an accurate and scientific manner throughout the school curriculum wherever relevant"

In a statement on Tuesday, the Union Ministry of Education said the NCF will be drafted "as per the perspectives of the NEP", which is also mentioned in the education policy. The panel will also develop curriculum for early childhood, teacher and adult education, the statement detailing the terms of references of the committee said.

Traditionally, states follow the NCF in revising their school curriculum through participation of the State Councils of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), which draw up the State Curriculum Frameworks (SCF).

Importantly, the newly constituted NCF has also been directed to draw inputs from the SCFs, which will have to be drawn up first, unlike in the past when the SCFs followed the NCF.

Coal crunch at power plants, govt looks to boost storage, transport capacity

AVISHEKG DASTIDAR

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

INCREASE THE coal-storing capacity and deploy more wagons and rakes – these are among the long- and short-term measures the government will take to mitigate the critical shortfall of coal stockpile in thermal power plants and to ensure that the capacity to transport and hold coal in the plants increases in future.

With coal stock depleting to critical levels in a number of thermal power plants, three ministries concerned went into a huddle on

NEW PROJECTS:

electricity generation capacities

Agreement (MoA) is expected to be signed shortly.

Tuesday and chalked out the var-

With monsoon affecting production in several Coal India pits, a number of power plants have stocks that would last them about a week, officials said. To tide over the situation, the ministers of Coal, Power and Railways decided that in the future, power plants which are a long distance away from sources of coal would work to increase their stocking capacity.

The cumulative coal stock at the thermal power plants is 10 million tonnes right now, which is sufficient for just about six days, as per official data. The coal stock at Coal India

Limited is 45 million tonnes, which is sufficient for 25 days. As per official assessment there is no shortage of domestic coal at the moment. So far, the supply by Coal India Limited to the power sector has been 231 MT, which is the highest.

It was discussed in the meeting that with monsoon rains, there is a 17 per cent shortfall in coal loading with respect to target, and a resultant 12 per cent shortfall in power sector. This has not only reflected in coal shortage to power houses but due to reduced loading to non-power sector, industry is in distress, it was discussed, sources said.

The plan now is to project coal demand for power sector for 5 and 10 years and work accordingly. Besides, Railways has also been requested to rationalise the freight rates of coal, which is the highest at the moment.

According to data, coal stock has reached "super critical" level to last less than four days of generation in 47 thermal power plants. In 38 power plants, it has reached "critical" levels where the stacked coal is expected to last less than seven days. There are 10 plants located more than 1.500 km from the source of coal which have now stock worth less than nine days.

Chairman's Address at the

45thANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held on September 20, 2021



Dear Members.

Chairman's

Speech

In this unprecedented global health challenge. I hope you and your family members are safe and taking good care of yourself and your near and dear ones. I on behalf of the Board of Directors, welcome you all to the 45th Annual General Meeting of your company. The second phase of Covid -19 turned out to be more

disruptive. No National lockdown was declared but stricter localized restrictions interrupted availability of resources. The pandemic enforced digital adoption and here we are today holding this meeting online. Power generation being an essential service enabled the company to

take all practical approaches in resource constrained setting for continuation of business operations. The Annual Report for the financial year ending 31stMarch2021, comprising of

Directors' Report, Audited Annual Accounts and Auditors' Report are with you and with your permission, I take them, as read. I take this opportunity to briefly highlight the achievements during the year.

- In line with the Cabinet decision, Government of India has transferred its entire stake of your Company to NTPC I td., a Maharatna CPSE, on 27th March, 2020
- Commercial Operation of Unit-1, Unit-2, Unit-3 & Unit-4of 4x150 MW Kameng HE Project, totaling 600 MW was declared on 17.06.2020, 01.07.2020,22.01.2021 & 12.02.2021 respectively.
- Annual electricity generation of 6869.86 Million Units (MU) with weighted average APAF of 79.61% was achieved during FY 2020-21, against MoU (Excellent) target of 6600 MU.
- Total income of the Corporation during FY 2020-21 from sale of power and other income was ₹ 255444.28 Lakh against ₹ 220607.35 Lakh (Restated) of the previous year During the year 2020-21, the Corporation earned Profit Before Tax (PBT) of ₹ 9090.50 **Lakh** against last year's figure of $\stackrel{?}{\sim} 30331.07$ Lakh (Restated). The Gross Operating Margin as on 31st March, 2021 was $\stackrel{?}{\sim} 99002.78$ **Lakh** against previous year's ₹ 77912.58 Lakh. The Company has not paid any interim dividend for the financial year 2020-21. Your Directors have recommended a final dividend of ₹ 1500.00 Lakh for the year 2020-21. The total dividend payout for the year amounts to ₹ 1500.00 Lakh i.e. ₹ 0.04 per equity share. The dividend pay-out represents 31.31% of Profit after Tax (PAT). The final dividend shall be paid subject to your approval in the Annual General Meeting.

V. K. Singh

Chairman and Managing Director



The Net Worth of the Corporation excluding capital reserve as on 31st March, 2021 is ₹ 645000.69 Lakh against ₹ 643528.99 Lakh as on 31st March, 2020 representing a

In 275 MW Kopili Hydro Electric Plant (KHEP), Assam, reconstruction, renovation &

modernization of 4 X 50 MW Kopili Power Station is in progress. Schedule date of

commissioning is December 2022. Unit -I & II of (2X25MW) Khandong Power Station were

on shutdown w.e.f. 17.02.2020 for inspection and repairing of water conductor system. The units were brought back to the grid on 05.11.2020 and 07.11.2020 respectively. **(1X25MW)**

Kopili Stage – II unit is under shutdown w. e. f. 20.01.2020 for inspection and repairing of

To build a clean and secure energy future, NEEPCO has identified a shelf of hydro projects to be

executed in line with the Government efforts to accelerate development of clean and flexible

The CEA conveyed accord of appraisal to the Detailed Project Report (DPR) of the 85 MW Wah

Umiam Stage-III HEP on 26.07.2021. The likely zero date of the project commences from January, 2022 with a schedule completion time of 45 months. The Govt. of Meghalaya has

also allocated two more projects in the Wah Umiam basin viz. Wah Umiam Stage-I and Stage-II

for investigation, DPR preparation and subsequent implementation. The Memorandum of

The MoA with the Government of Arunachal Pradesh for 120MW Nafra H.E. Project in West

Kameng District and 90MW New Melling H.E.P in Tawang district was signed on $14^{\rm n}$ Aug 2021. Other hydro projects which your Company has initiated action by way of PFR/ DPR

preparation for subsequent implementation on ownership as well as JV basis are 120 MW Dibbin HEP, 330 MW Kurung HEP, 3750 MW Siang Upper Stage- II HEP in Arunachal Pradesh

among others. Besides above, NEEPCO has also taken up with the Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh

for allotment of stalled Hydro Projects viz. 1000 MW Naying HEP, 500 MW Hirong HEP, 700

MW Tato-II HEP, 240 MW Heo HEP, 3097 MW Etalin HEP and 1750 MW Demwe Lower HEP,

water conductor system. The Unit is expected to return to the grid by 01.10.2021.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:

The ERP-SAP implementation work is in Pilot Go Live Phase and enterprise wide go live is expected shortly. The File Life Cycle Management (FLM) module and part of the Employee Self Services (ESS) module has been rolled-out in all locations. Activities related to Pilot Go-Live for 3 locations (Shillong, Guwahati and AGBPP) are in progress.

In its endeavor to continually improve and in response to the challenges posed by the pandemic, the IT department facilitated transformation to remote business operations. Allocation of laptops to officials, provisioning of Network Attached Storage Devices (NAS) and securing connectivity via VPN (Virtual Private Networks) were taken up. To strengthen safety, use of external storage devices like pen drives, external hard disks etc. have since been

Ongoing IT initiatives like upgradation of the Network equipment and Consolidation of Servers are in progress. With the approved IT Policy in place, it is expected that the usage and maintenance of IT System will further be strengthened.

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT Priority is given to stakeholders in the neighborhood of Corporation's area of operation, offices.

land affected and aspirational district. Aim and thrust areas are mainly Promoting Education, Preventive Health Care, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Entrepreneurship Development Programme ral Area / Other Area development. The CSR&S Budget for the year 2020-21 was ₹ 728.18 Lakh however total amount spent during 2020-21 is ₹ 1358.55 Lakh (Which es carry forward of previous year's unspent amount i.e. (₹ 1358.55 L – 728.18 L) ₹ 630.37 Lakh. Of the total CSR expenditure amounting to ₹ 1358.55 Lakh. amounts elated to ongoing CSR projects i.e. ₹ 544.72 Lakh has been kept under a separate account named as "CSR unspent Account"

> In the field of Research & Development, your company has undertaken a Project namely "Design of an Automated Communication System through cloud computing using sensor based automated input for efficient operation in Ranganadi H.E. Plant with due emphasis on downstream concern



up to confluence with Subansiri river" in collaboration with IIT, Guwahati in January 2020 with time of completion as 36 (thirty-six) months. The work is presently in progress.

The total value of goods and services procured from Micro & Small Enterprises (MSEs) during the FY 2020-21was ₹ 4613.32 Lakh, out of which ₹ 551.59 Lakh was from MSE owned by SC/ST entrepreneurs and ₹ 66.62 Lakh was from MSEs owned by women entrepreneurs Equipment / spares / services etc. required for operation and maintenance of Hydro / Thermal Plant do not form part of the list for exclusive purchase from MSEs. Nonetheless, efforts are on to enhance participation of MSEs to achieve the broader objectives of the Government.

In regard to implementation of the Right to Information Act (RTI), 2005, the Corporation is linked to the online system of RTI request & Appeal Management Information Systems, "RTIMIS" portal. Appeal / Applications received during the year was 101nos. and 81nos.were

The Risk Management Policy (RMP) effective from 15th February 2016 was amended in May 2019. The policy establishes a structured and disciplined approach to Risk Management to reduce the possibility of risk occurring and its potential impact. A Risk Register has been developed to guide decisions on risk related issues.

HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (HRD):

New knowledge and skills re-energize and motivates personnel. The goal of the HRD department is to address the short- and long-term factors such as enabling discharge of present job responsibilities and in advancing careers. Training and classes from training institutes and other providers have moved online. During the year, 461 employees were given online training through various in-house and external (within India) programmes In compliance with the **Apprentices Act, 1961**, apprenticeship training was imparted to 5.6% of total manpower strength of the Corporation.

Implementation of RAJBHASA is ensured. Employees are nominated for Hindi Prabodh, Prayeen & Pragya training course and are presented Cash Award for succeeding in Hindi examinations. Twenty Hindi workshops were organized in 2020-21. 202 employees were trained in hybrid (virtual and in-person) workshops. "Hindi Divas" is observed and several Hindi Patrikas viz. "NEEPCO JYOTI", "RATANDEEP", "Kopili Darpan", "KAMENG DHARA", etc., are published.

RULES AND POLICIES:

The following HR policy/scheme were brought into effect during the year 2020-21: Diminution of age bar for exercising option for pre-mature retirement from 58 years to 55

years. During the year, 3 (three) employees were allowed to proceed on pre-mature retirement under the scheme. Besides the other HR policies and schemes that were brought into effect in line with othe CPSEs in the Power Sector to improve morale, employee retention and job satisfaction, your

Company has also introduced "Employees Family Economic Rehabilitation Scheme" for providing monetary benefit and support to employees / family in the event of permanent total disablement / death of the employee while in service. The insurance amount under the Group Personal Accident Insurance (GPAI) Scheme was also enhanced to provide a comprehensive coverage for all expenses associated with accidental death and permanent/partial disabilities during service to all employees in the rolls of the Corporation.

PREVENTIVE VIGILANCE ACTIVITIES:

The Vigilance administration in NEEPCO is headed by a Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO). It functions under the directives and guidelines issued by the Central Vigilance Commission



(CVC) and undertakes preventive, punitive, surveillance and detection activities.

Nine complaints have been referred by CVC during the year 2020-21 for necessary action by the CVO. The complaints have been settled and uploaded in the web portal of CVC. 3 (Three) complaints which were investigated by the Vigilance Department have also been disposed / settled during the year. 89 (Eighty-Nine) routine inspections were conducted at different plant/project besides 5 (Five) inspections by the CTE. Also, during this period, 5 (Five) systemic improvement suggestions were issued for compliance.

registering of online vigilance complaints and uploading of Annual Immovable Property Returns (AIPRs) of Executives in the NEEPCO's website has also been implemented

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE:

The Corporate Governance practices of the company provides the framework for approving corporate strategy and monitoring strategic plans, settings company's risks appetite, reviewing major risks and overseeing risk management processes. Focuses on integrity and clarity of company's financial reporting and other disclosures about company's performances, allocating capital, ensuring compliances, among others. The Audit Committee regularly review all financial statements before placing it to the Board of Directors'. The Annual Report along with various other communication is hosted on the website for information of the public at large. Certificate on Corporate Governance from the Secretarial Auditor is enclosed in

You will be happy to know that ₹ 60 Lakh was given to the PMCARES Fund from the contribution received from the employees who voluntarily donated their one-day salary in the month of April 2020. An amount of ₹ 256.00 Lakh in March 2020 and an amount of ₹ **184.00 Lakh** from its CSR Fund during April, 2020 was also donated by the Corporation toward the PMCAREs Fund.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

On behalf of your Company's Board of Directors', I wish to convey my gratitude for your unflinching support especially during these troubled times. Your continued confidence in the Company will enable us to be optimistic in our journey to create wealth for the Nation for an

I value the unwavering support and guidance received from the Ministry of Power, Government of India. I also express my sincere gratitude to the other Central Government Ministries and Departments, State Governments, Bank & Lending Agencies / Financial Institutions, Statutory Auditors of the Corporation, the Cost Auditors, Secretarial Auditors and Comptroller & Auditor



General of India for their constructive suggestions, all employees, unions and associations

beneficiaries / customers, suppliers, contractors for their co-operation. My special thanks and appreciation to the members of the Board, NTPC management and the Senior Management team of NEEPCO for their contribution and suggestions in improving the

nerformance of the Company Finally, I would like to specially acknowledge the efforts and dedication of the entire NEEPCO

team for making the Company a reckoning force in the Power Sector. May I now request that the Directors' Report, the Audited Accounts, the Reports of Auditor and

Comments of the C&AG for the year ended 31st March, 2021 be considered and adopted



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cinated with Covishield in the cat-

egory of the "unvaccinated",

External Affairs Minister S

Jaishankar met British Foreign

Secretary Liz Truss in New York

and raised the issue "strongly",

Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan

Covishield is a "discriminatory

policy" that impacts Indian citi-

zens travelling to the UK, Shringla

said in the first official response

from India to the new British rules.

Secretary had given "assurances"

that the issue would be "resolved".

However, if India is not satisfied

with the solution, it would be

within its rights to take reciprocal

Jaishankar tweeted that he "urged

early resolution of quarantine is-

After the meeting with Truss,

The Indian Express had re-

ported in its Tuesday edition that

Jaishankar would speak to Truss

on this issue. India had already

sent a diplomatic note of protest.

and had threatened to invoke the

reciprocal principle if the UK failed

erupted after the UK announced

on September 17 that from

October 4, only those individuals

who are inoculated "under an ap-

proved vaccination program in

the UK, Europe, US, or UK vaccine

programme overseas" would be

The list of countries whose

vaccines are recognised in the UK

does not include India, which

means people vaccinated with

Covishield – the Indian variant of

the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine

manufactured under licence here

— would be subject to restrictions

"The basic issue is that — here

applying to the unvaccinated.

considered fully vaccinated.

The diplomatic firestorm

measures, Shringla said.

sue in mutual interest".

to review its decision.

He said the UK Foreign

The non-recognition of

Shringla said on Tuesday.

BRIEFLY

KARNATAKA Bill passed to ban all forms of gambling

Bengaluru: The Karnataka Assembly on Tuesday passed a Bill to amend the Karnataka Police Act, 1963, to ban all forms of gambling in the state, including online gambling. The Karnataka (Amendment) Bill, 2021 was introduced by state Home Minister Araga Jnanendra and was passed amid opposition apprehensions of police capabilities in tackling new forms of gambling. Jnanendra said the new law was necessary since it is difficult for police to tackle gambling in the context of a recent HC order which barred police from carrying out raids on gambling dens. ENS

UTTAR PRADESH

Agra girl drowns in nullah after heavy rain

Agra: A six-year-old girl drowned in a nullah which was overflowing since Tuesday afternoon due to heavy rain in Agra, police said. Shabnam was swept away by the flow of water and was traced after an hour, Inspector Udayveer Singh Malik said.

BIHAR

AK-47 seized from driver of MLA's kin

Begusarai: Police Tuesday said they recovered an AK-47 rifle and ammunition from the house of a driver whose employer is a close relative of MLA and BJP leader Kundan Kumar. Begusarai SP Avakash Kumar said the weapon was seized after a search at the house of driver Manjesh Kumar.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Tata Power Company Limited–Distribution Business in Mumbai (Tata Power-D) is inviting bids for Procurement of a. Short-Term Firm and b. Short-Term Non-Solar RE Power through competitive bidding

For more details of tender, please visit https://www.mstcecommerce.com (DEEP Portal) and Tata Power website

https://www.tatapower.com/Tender/tenderlist.aspx उ०प्र० पावर ट्रांसमिशन लिमिटेड अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता द्वारा मोहरबंद निविदा अनुभवी एवं प्रतिष्ठित ठेकेदारों से निम्नतिखित कार्य के लिये दो भागों में दिनांक 21-10-2021 को 13:00 बजें तक आमंत्रित की जाती है जो उसी दिन 15:00 बजें निविदाताओं के समक्ष खोली जायेंगी। उपरोक्त तिथि का अवकाश घोषित होने पर निविदायें अगले कार्य दिवस को नियत समय पर खोली जायेगी। प्रत्येक निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क एवं धरोहर राशि को अधिशासी अभियन्ता, विद्युत 400 के0वी0 उपकेन्द्र खण्ड, उ०प्र० पावर ट्रासंमिशन कारपोरेशन लि0, मुरादाबाद कार्यालय के बैंक खाता स्टेट बैंक ऑफ इंडिया, सिविल लाइन्स, मुरादाबाद मे खाता संख्या-10896364236, बैंक आईएफएससी कोड-SBI0000682 में आरटीजीएस/ एनईएफटी के माध्यम से बैंक में जमा करने पर कार्यालय से निविदा खुलने के एक दिवस पूर्व तक निपिदा प्रपत्र कार्यालय से प्राप्त किया जा सकता है। प्रत्येक निविदा प्रपत्र के प्रथम भाग में निर्धारित धरोहर राशि बैंक मे जमा की गई राशि का प्रमाण पत्र (Deposit Slip) तथा दूसरे भाग में व्यवसायिक पपत्र होने चाहिए । अन्य विवरण निविदा प्रपत्र में उल्लेखित है। धरोहर राशि के बिना सशर्त निविदायें नही खोली जायेंगी। निविदा संख्या-टी-04/2021-2022: विद्युत 400 के0वी0 उपसंस्थान खण्ड, मुरादाबाद पर 01 नग डीजल चलित वाहन को मय चालक के 10 माह हेतु किराये पर उपलब्ध कराना। धरोहर राशि मात्र रू० २०००/- मात्र । निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रू० 500.00+18% जी0एस0टी0 मात्र एवं (डाक द्वारा मांगने पर रू० 640/- मात्र) अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता के पास बिना कोई कारण बताये एक या समस्त निविदाओं को अस्वीकृत करने का पूर्ण अधिकार सुरक्षित रहेगा हस्ता/- (अधिशासी अभियन्ता) विद्युत 400 के०वी० उपसंस्थान खण्ड, पावर ट्रान्समिशन कारपोरेशन लि० मुरादाबाद ''राष्ट्र हित में बिजली बचायें' के.वी वि.400 505

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UP: Day after mahant found dead, FIR filed India takes up against disciple for abetment of suicide

MANISH SAHU

LUCKNOW, SEPTEMBER 21

A DAY after Mahant Narendra Giri. president of the Akhil Bharatiya Akhara Parishad (ABAP), was found dead at Baghambari math in Prayagraj, an FIR has been filed against his disciple and yoga guru, Anand Giri, on charges of abetment of suicide

Anand Giri was detained in Haridwar on Monday, after police said they found a seven-page "suicide note" in which the mahant held him and two other priests responsible for his death. A team of the Uttar Pradesh police brought him to Prayagraj on Tuesday, where he is being questioned.

The body will be sent for postmortem examination on Wednesday, after which the fu-

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

THE DELHI High Court on Tuesday

declined to grant any interim re-

lief to Trinamool Congress MP

Abhishek Banerjee and his wife

Rujira Banerjee in the case chal-

lenging summons issued to them

by Enforcement Directorate (ED)

and asked the central agency to

rection that they be not sum-

moned to Delhi and any further

questioning of them be carried

a money laundering case regis-

tered by the agency in connection

with CBI's alleged case of illegal

mining and theft of coal from the

leasehold areas of Eastern

Coalfields Ltd, according to the pe-

Additional Solicitor General SV

Raju argued before the court that

there are no geographical divi-

sions under Prevention of Money

Laundering Act unlike

police stations which

have territorial juris-

dictions. "There are no

such fetters as far as

PMLA is concerned.

उ०प्र० जल विद्युत निगम लि० ई-निविदा सूचना

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निविदा सं0 VST-09/EGD/Mzn/2021

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The couple have sought a di-

file a reply within three days.

NEW DELHI. SEPTEMBER 21

'WHOLE OF INDIA POLICE STATION FOR PMLA'

Coal theft case: HC denies

wife against ED summons

relief to Abhishek Banerjee,

neral will be held. Police said the purported suicide note will also be sent for forensic examination.

The two other priests, Adha Prasad Tiwari and his son Sandeep Tiwari, are from Prayagraj. They have not been named in the FIR, filed on the complaint of another disciple, Amar Giri Pawan Maharaj. According to the complaint, the head of the ABAP-considered the largest grouping of sadhus in the country – was disturbed for the last few months because of Anand Giri and had said several times that he was unhappy because of him.

Additional Director General, Law and Order, Prashant Kumar said the role of other persons named in the purported suicide note was also being probed. While no arrests have been made so far, some of the mahant's followers



Police detained Anand Giri in Haridwar on Tuesday. PTI

are being questioned.

Police are also probing the death of another disciple, Ashish Giri, in Prayagraj in November 2019. When his bloodstained body was found, it was alleged that Ashish Giri had shot himself.

Narendra Giri had been given

Y-category security. Sources said security personnel assigned to guard him would also be questioned.

For the past few months. Narendra Giri had been involved in a public tussle with Anand Giri, with both sides accusing each other of, among other things, misappropriation of funds. The mahant is said to have got

Anand Giri expelled from Niranjani akhara following allegations that he went against the traditions of the akhara by keeping in touch with his family. While Anand Giri also accused his guru of financial irregularities, he is said to have later apologised.

In a statement to the media on Monday, Anand Giri denied any misunderstanding, and called the mahant's death a conspiracy hatched by those who

had allegedly misappropriated math funds.

According to police, one of Narendra Giri's disciples called up at around 5.20 pm on Monday and informed them that the mahant had hanged himself from a fan in his room. The disciple reportedly told the police that they cut the rope and brought the body down.

On Tuesday, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav were among those who went to Prayagraj to pay tribute to the mahant. The chief minister said a high-level police team was probing the case, and strict action would be taken if anyone was found responsible for the death.

Akhilesh Yadav demanded an inquiry by a sitting High

says will be solved **SHUBHAJIT ROY** NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21 DAYS AFTER new Covid-19 travel rules notified by the United Kingdom put those who are vac-

vaccine issue, UK

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Shringla said in New Delhi in response to questions.

'Therefore", he said, "nonrecognition of Covishield is a discriminatory policy, and does impact on our citizens travelling to the UK. The External Affairs Minister has raised this issue strongly with his counterpart, the

new Foreign Secretary of the UK." Truss replaced Dominic Raab as the British foreign minister after a reshuffle of the Cabinet by Prime Minister Boris Johnson on

September 15. Shringla said: "I am told that certain assurances have been given that this (vaccine) issue would be resolved. And as you saw, the minister (Jaishankar) has said that these issues should be re-

solved at the earliest possible to mutual satisfaction.' "We have also offered some of our partner countries the option of mutual recognition of vaccination certificates or vaccine certification." Shringla said. "But these are reciprocal measures. Obviously, as we go along, we will have to see how it goes. But if we don't get satisfaction, we would

be within our rights to impose reciprocal measures. When contacted, pokesperson for British High Commission in New Delhi said, "The UK is committed to opening up international travel again as soon as is practicable and this announcement is a further step to enable people to travel more freely again, in a safe and sustain-

public health. "We are engaging with the Government of India to explore how we could expand UK recognition of vaccine certification to people vaccinated by a relevant public health body in India," the

able way, while protecting

SC Collegium recommendations: 13 HCs set to get new Chief Justices

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI SEPTEMBER 21

IN ANOTHER determined push to fill judicial vacancies in High Courts and spruce up their work-**Abhishek** Banerjee ing, the Supreme Court Collegium headed by Chief Justice of India N V Ramana has The whole of India is a police starecommended appointment of tion for the purposes of PMLA. Chief Justices for eight HCs and There is no police station as far as cleared the transfer of five HC PMLA is concerned," Raju con-Chief Justices. tended, while responding to an ar-Coming amid concerns over

gument that Banerjee can be judicial backlog resulting from questioned only within the juristhe vacancies, the decision is dictional precinct in Kolkata. seen as a significant step and re-ED also submitted that flects the "collective determina-Baneriee has an address in Delhi tion of the Collegium to and ordinarily, it is presumed that strengthen the judiciary by filing his wife will be there. "But we have with us documents to show that It also comes hardly a month on the date the wife replied to us after the Collegium created a

that she cannot come to Delhi, she record of sorts by recommendwas in a beauty parlour in Delhi. ing nine judges to the top court, We have evidence we can proleaving it with just one vacancy duce..." Raju told the court. out of a sanctioned strength of Abhishek and Rujira have ar-34 judges. This was followed by gued before the court that there recommendations to fill 94 vaexists no jurisdiction for the ED's cancies in various HC, the high-Delhi-based Head Investigative est ever by the Collegium in such Unit to assume investigative powa short period. ers in the case "as the same could As per resolutions uploaded on the top court's official webonly have been investigated into

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(CJ) of Calcutta HC, Justice Rajesh Bindal, as CI of Allahabad HC; and Justice Prakash Shrivastava of Madhya Pradesh HC as CJ of Calcutta HC. Acting CJ of Chattisgarh HC, Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra, has been recommended as the new CJ of Andhra Pradesh HC; while Justice Rituraj Awasthi, now with Allahabad HC, has been recommended as Karnataka HC CJ.

The Collegium recommended Justice Satish Chandra Sharma of Karnataka HC for the office of Telengana HC CJ, and Justice Ranjit V More of Bombay HC as Meghalaya HC CJ. Justice Aravind Kumar of Karnataka HC has been recommended as Gujarat HC CJ, and Acting CJ of Himachal Pradesh HC, R V Malimath, has been recommended as Madhya Pradesh CJ.

While some of the eight CI posts were already vacant, four more fell vacant after elevation of Justices Hima Kohli, Vikram Nath, Abhay S Oka and J K Maheshwari – who were CJs of Telengana, Gujarat, Karnataka, and Sikkim HCs, respectively – as Supreme Court judges re-

The five CIs recommended for transfer are Justice Arup Kumar Goswami from Andhra Pradesh HC to Chhattisgarh HC, Justice Mohammad Rafiq from Madhya Pradesh HC to Himachal Pradesh HC, Justice Akil Kureshi from Tripura HC to Raiasthan HC. **Justice Indraiit Mahanty from** Rajasthan HC to Tripura HC, and Justice Biswanath Somadder from Meghalaya HC to Sikkim HC.

The resolutions also show that the Collegium, in meetings held on September 16 and 21, cleared the transfer of 23 HC iudges. Five of these names are reiterations, indicating that the Collegium had decided to stand by its recommendation on them, notwithstanding representations from the individual judges to reconsider.

The Indian Express had earlier reported that the Collegium had proposed 28 names of HC judges for transfer and has learnt that the process is continuing with some more names. After assuming charge as the

CJI in April this year, Justice Ramana has recommended nearly 100 names for appointment to different high courts, besides filling up nine vacancies of judges in the Supreme Court

The 25 high courts in the country have a combined sanctioned strength of 1,080 judges and on May 1, 2021, they were functioning with

Army helicopter crashes in

is a vaccine, Covishield, which is a licensed product of a UK company, manufactured in India, of which we have supplied 5 million doses to the UK at the request of the Government of the UK. We spokesperson added. **FULL REPORT ON** understand this has been used in

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Punjab SC panel issues instructions to refrain from using 'Dalit' word

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

विद्युत गृहों के लिए टरबाईन तेल, स्नेकहव CHANDIGARH, SEPT 21 तेल एवं ट्रांसफॉर्मर तेल की आपूर्ति। धरोहर राशि रु0 20000.00 (RTGS/NEFT के रु TAKING NOTE of the use of

the word 'Dalit' for 2. निविदा स0 T-10/EGD/Mzn/2021-22 Punjab's new Chief 02 नग कम्प्यूटर आपरेटर (01 नग विद्युत Minister Charanjit Singh उत्पादन खण्ड, मुजफ्फरनगर कार्यालय ए Channi by the media, the 01 नग विद्युत उत्पादन उपखण्ड, भोला मेर state's Schedule Caste के लिये) एक वर्ष के लिये एक कम्प्यूटर सहित Commission Tuesday is-कम्प्यूटर आपरेटर द्वारा कम्प्यूटर जॉब वक sued instructions against का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु० 6500.00 using the word for the (RTGS/NEFT के रुप में) निविदा शुल्व members of the Schedule 472.00 जी०एस०टी० सम्मिलित (RTGS) Castes community. Commission chairper-

> son Tejinder Kaur said the nomenclature 'Dalit' does not find mention in the Constitution or any statute. Moreover, the Union Ministry of Social Justice and empowerment, of India has already directed chief secretaries of all the states and Union Territories regarding the same, she said in a state-

She also referred to a 2018 order of the Madhya Pradesh High court that directed the central and state governments and their functionaries to refrain from using the nomenclature 'Dalit' for the members belonging to the SC and ST communities.

page on Tuesday, Collegium

members who met on

September 16 recommended el-

evation of Acting Chief Justice

Kaur pointed out that the high court had sought to ban the use of the word because the same does not figure anywhere in the Constitution or any statute.

Kaur added that following the high court direction, the Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment had also directed all the states and Union Territories to use the word "Scheduled Caste" instead of "Dalit" for the persons belonging to Schedule Castes.

Channi was sworn in as the Punjab chief minister on Monday.

Udhampur, both pilots killed **ENS&PTI**

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 21

TWO PILOTS were killed on

Tuesday after a Cheetah helicopter of the Army crashed in Shiv Garh Dhar area near the famous tourist resort of Patnitop in Udhampur district of Jammu and Kashmir.

The chopper, according to Army PRO Lt Colonel Devender Anand, was on a training sortie over the area. The deceased pilots have

been identified as Major Rohit Kumar and Major Anuj Rajput. The Army's Northern

Command, in a tweet, said: "Northern Army Commander Lt General Y K Joshi and all ranks salute the bravehearts who made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty."

Officials said the incident reportedly occurred between 10.30 am to 10.45 am when the chopper was caught in bad



Police personnel at the crash site. PTI

ASSEMBLY POLLS NEXT YEAR

Kejriwal in Goa: Will bring law to

reserve 80% pvt jobs for residents

New Delhi

BJP put J&K on sale to outsiders, says Mehbooba

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 21

PDP PRESIDENT and former CM Mehbooba Mufti Tuesday accused the BJP of putting Jammu and Kashmir on sale for people from outside.

Talking to the media after a visit to Rajouri and Poonch districts, Mufti said Jammu's economy is being choked from all sides. She said contracts for extraction of minor minerals have been given to outsiders and local tractor and trolley operators carrying sand and gravel are being subjected to heavy penalties.

While the UT's new excise policy has led to allocation of most liquor vends to outsiders, the government has also closed liquor bars rendering thousands unemployed, the PDP leader said.

Accusing the BJP government of hitting Jammu's economy from all sides, the PDP leader said that local contractors are systematically being excluded from tender-

ing of big projects.

EC brainstorms on removing barriers for disabled voters

New Delhi: Ahead of Assembly polls in five states early next year, the Election Commission (EC) on Tuesday organised a virtual conference to assess accessibility policies and discuss strategies for addressing barriers to enhance participation of voters with disabilities in the elections.

Inputs received from various stakeholders, including chief electoral officers, will be incorporated in the preparation for elections to be more accessible, inclusive and voter-friendly for people with disabilities and senior citizens, an official statement said.

Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Sushil Chandra all the

Kharif foodgrain output estimated at 150.50 mn tonne this year: Govt Only), total foodgrain produc-

tion in the country is esti-

HARIKISHAN SHARMA NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

THE MINISTRY of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare on Tuesday released the first advance estimates of production of major kharif crops for 2021-22, with the total foodgrain production estimated to reach a new high of 150.50 million tonnes.

However, kharif oilseed production is estimated at 2.33 million, which is lower than its target of 26 million tonnes, and last year's production of 24.03 million tonnes. In a statement, the min-

istry said, "As per First Advance

Estimates for 2021-22 (Kharif

mated at record 150.50 million tonnes which is higher by 12.71 million tonnes than the average foodgrain production of previous five years' (2015-16 to 2019-20).' Total foodgrain production

was 149.56 million tonnes during the last kharif season. The government has set a target of total kharif foodgrain production of 151.43 million

The estimates show that kharif rice production is also expected to reach a record level of 107.04 million tonnes in 2021-22, which is slightly higher than last year's figure of 104.41 million tonnes. According to the ministry, rice production in kharif 2021-22 is estimated 9.21 million tonnes higher than the previous five years' (2015-16 to 2019-20) average kharif rice production of 97.83 million tonnes. Total production of pulses

during kharif 2021-22 is estimated at 9.45 million tonnes, marginally lower than the target of 9.82 million tonnes and slightly higher than last year's production figure of 8.69 million tonnes. Among kharif pulses, production of tur (arhar) is estimated at 4.43 million tonnes; urad and moong at 2.05 million tonnes each; and other kharif pulses at 0.94 million tonnes.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE PANAJI, SEPTEMBER 21

AAP NATIONAL convenor and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Tuesday announced that the AAP will bring in a law to reserve 80 per cent private jobs in Goa for local residents if voted to power in the 2022 Legislative

Assembly elections.

Addressing the media at a hotel in Mapusa, Kejriwal said: "In government jobs, almost all are reserved for Goans. You need 15 years domicile and Konkani language. Private jobs are not reserved for Goans. We will bring a law to reserve 80 per cent of the private jobs also for Goans.'



AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal in Goa. Express

He said the Harvana government had recently brought a law to reserve 80 per cent jobs for local youth. AAP's plan also included new schools, hospitals, village clinics and road repairs. reviving mining and tapping "infinite opportunities" in tourism.

meaningful inputs are being taken into consideration while framing guidelines.

6 tribal students in Jharkhand get scholarship to study in UK

Ranchi: The Jharkhand government has selected six tribal students for the Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Munda Scholarship Scheme.

The scholarship aims at empowering ST students to pursue higher education at universities in Britain and Ireland.

The Iharkhand government said that the "awardees of the scholarship are entitled to a complete coverage of tuition fees along with living and other miscellaneous expenses".

"Under this scheme, every year ,10 students will be selected from the Scheduled Tribes category residing in Jharkhand. For the first cohort of the scholarship, 6 students have been selected, who are going to begin their study programmes in 5 different universities of England in September," stated the press release by the Chief Minister's Secretariat. ENS

Students orphaned by Covid need not pay exam fees for '21-22 session: CBSE

New Delhi: Students who lost both their parents or their only surviving parent to Covid-19 will be exempted from paying CBSE examination fees, the board notified on Tuesday evening.

The process of collecting fees and finalising the list of candidates for the upcoming Class 10 and 12 board examinations is currently underway in CBSE affiliated schools across the country. For a student to be included in the list, they have to pay the examination fees. The process began on September 17 and has to be completed before September 30.

The base fee for five subjects is Rs 1,500 for Classes 10 and 12, and is Rs 1,200 for SC/ST students of Delhi government schools. With the additional amount for each practical and additional or optional subject, the fee comes to around Rs 2,500 for several

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■Maharashtra	3,131	40,712	2.17%	7,43,28,791
■Mizoram	1,731	14,009	15.68%	10,58,845
■ Tamil Nadu	1,647	16,993	1.08%	4,32,10,314
■ Andhra Pradesh	1179	13,905	2.18%	3,79,86,801

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STATE	TODAY'S Deaths	TOTAL Deaths	WEEKLY CFR	OVERALL CFR
■ Kerala	214	23,976	0.57%	0.56%
■ Maharashtra	70	1,42,173	1.40%	2.19%
■ Karnataka	21	37,648	1.58%	1.27%
■ Tamil Nadu	19	35,379	1.49%	1.35%
■ West Bengal	14	18,678	1.73%	1.20%

22 teachers, principals from **CBSE** schools felicitated

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

UNION MINISTER of State for Education Annapurna Devi on Tuesday felicitated 22 teachers and principals of CBSE-affiliated schools for demonstrating excellence in teaching and school leadership.

Of the 22 awardees, 11 were from Delhi-NCR. Each award, presented to primary, middle, secondary and senior secondary level teachers, consisted of a merit certificate, a shawl and an

amount of Rs 50,000. The awards for the year 2020-21 were presented dur-

ing an online ceremony in the presence Secretary Department of School Education and Literacy) Anita Karwal, CBSE Chairperson Manoj Ahuja and CBSE

Secretary Anurag Tripathi. Among the teachers awarded are Divya Bhatia, principal of Amity International School, Saket; Padma Srinivasan of DPS, R K Puram; Monika Sindhwani from Bal Bharati Public School, Rohini; and Chandni Agarwal of Maharaja Agrasen Model School, Pitampura.

Muzaffarnagar riots case: Lack of evidence due to witness hostility, court acquits 20

AMIL BHATNAGAR NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

TWENTY PERSONS were acquitted by a trial court for "lack of evidence due to witness hostility" in a case related to the 2013 Muzaffarnagar riots.

According to the FIR, the accused allegedly raised communal slogans and damaged and burnt property belonging to a minority community in Kutba village on September 8, 2013. More than 20 persons had been booked under sections of the IPC.

Officials said the case was beingheard in the room of Additional Sessions Judge Baburam.

"The specific rioting case was being heard in the trial courtroom. A chargesheet was filed and witnesses had been examined. It was concluded that there was lack of evidence due to witness hostility and 20 persons were acquitted. Further proceedings are taking place in other cases," said Special Counsel Narendra Sharma.

The case was investigated by the SIT and a chargesheet was submitted. The counsel said that the witnesses "could not provide a reliable testimony with respect to the actions of the accused".

At least 65 people were killed and thousands displaced during the 2013 riots.

In August, a report filed in Supreme Court said the Uttar Pradesh government has withdrawn 77 cases related to the riots without giving any reason and these "may be examined by the High Court by exercising revisional jurisdiction". The report said the Standing Counsel for UF informed that 510 cases were registered in five districts of Meerut zone against 6,869 accused. Chargesheet was filed in 175 of these cases. Final reports were submitted in 165 cases and 170 cases were expunged.

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Giving religious colour to social evils should be fought: Pinarayi

SHAJU PHILIP THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,

SEPTEMBER 21

IN AN apparent reference to Catholic bishop Joseph Kallarangatt's controversial claim that "narcotics jihad" is spoiling the life of non-Muslims, particularly the youth, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Tuesday said the trend to give religious colour to social evils should be nipped in the bud.

Vijayan also said forces using caste and religion as weapons of division should be opposed.

Inaugurating the centenary of a student agitation in erstwhile Travancore, Vijayan said: "Those who give leadership to social evils are elements engaging in illegal activities against the common interest of the society. Such activities should not be compared with any section in the society.

He said, "Giving a face of virtuousness to militant movements will weaken social unity. Some people promote such movements as even synonymous with

Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan

freedom. Such reactionary views endanger our freedom."

Pala bishop Kallarangatt had recently claimed that various types of drugs are being used in places such as ice-cream parlours, hotels and juice corners run by "hardcore jihadis", which are making the youth take to drugs. The statement drew sharp criticism from many quarters, even as the Church and the BIP, among others, had backed the bishop.

On Tuesday, Vijayan said "Darkness cannot be wiped out by darkness. Only light can eliminate darkness. Similarly, hatred can be wiped out only by love. Forces that try to spread darkness of hatred should be singled out, (and) education is one of the most powerful ways to fight such regressive action."

Vijayan said glorifying terror organisations, or equating them with symbols of freedom strug-

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gles, will weaken communal harmony in society and endanger freedom.

Later, addressing a party function online, Vijayan said the Centre recently told Lok Sabha that there is no "love iihad" in the country.

Referring to allegations of 'narcotic jihad" brought by Kallarangatt, he said, "We are all worried about the spread of narcotics use. The government, as well as the society at large, has taken it very seriously. When we are taking comprehensive steps to prevent the spread of drugs, certain quarters have come up with the word 'narcotic jihad', which should not have been used under any circumstance.'

Stating that this assertion did not find much space in Kerala -'only a few may have stood with that campaign" - Vijayan said. "This is Kerala, the land of religious secularism. Nobody should think that the secular fabric (of the state) can be shattered. Any move against that would be sternly dealt with by our society.'

Teen gangraped in Jharkhand, 3 arrested: police

ABHISHEK ANGAD RANCHI, SEPTEMBER 21

A 15-YEAR-OLD girl was allegedly gangraped in the early hours of Saturday in a village in Jharkhand's Hazaribagh district, police said, adding that they had arrested three accused and were on the lookout for two others.

Police said the matter came to their knowledge after the girl, who is from the Dalit community, was admitted to hospital two days after the incident. An FIR was registered on Monday based on the girl's statement.

Police sources said the girlhad gone to relieve herself when the ve accused dragged her away.

"A minor girl was gangraped and we have arrested three named accused, while two are yet to be arrested," said Hazaribag SP Manoj Ratan Chothe. Asked whether there was a problem with the availability of toilets in the village, he said: "This is a oneoff incident, and there are toilets in the village."

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MEVANILENDS SUPPORT TO FORD WORKERS

Independent MLA Jignesh Mevani with employees of Ford Motors in Sanand, Gujarat, on Tuesday. Extending support to the protest against the decision by Ford Motors to exit India, Mevani met around 800 staff outside the Sanand plant. He offered to fight on their behalf till a settlement is reached in favour of the 2,000 workers who will lose their jobs in three months if Ford sticks to its plans. Nirmal Harindran

800 families evicted as Assam govt carries out anti-encroachment drive

TORA AGARWALA

GUWAHATI, SEPTEMBER 21

AT LEAST 800 families, occupying about 4,500 bighas of land, in Assam's Darrang district were evicted as part of the state government's drive against "illegal encroachments" on Monday.

Following the drive, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma tweeted: "Continuing our drive against illegal encroachments, I am happy and compliment district administration of Darrang and @assampolice for having cleared about 4500 bigha, by evicting 800 households, demolishing 4 illegal religious structures and a private instn at Sipaihar, Darrang,

He said he had inspected such riverine areas "encroached by illegal settlers near Dholpur Shiva Mandir" in June. "I had assured temple mgmt & local people to set up a Manikut, build a guest house & boundary wall. Today's eviction is aimed at starting community farming by removing encroachment," he tweeted. Darrang SP Sushanta Biswa Sarma told The Indian Express the drive was carried out between 9 am and 4 pm in Dholpur 1 and Dholpur 3 villages in Sipajhar. "They were all encroachers and almost all moved out without resistance" he said.

One of the BJP government's promises before it came to power for a second term in May was to free government land from encroachers, and allot them to "indigenous landless people". Similar drives evicted 70 families in Hojai's Lanka and 25 families in Sonitpur's Jamugurihat in June. In Sipajhar, where the eviction took place on Monday, the government plans to implement its 'Garukhuti Project', where the freed up land will be used for afforestation and agricul-

ture, involving indigenous youth. Monday's drive drew criticism from the Opposition and rights activists for evicting people without a proper rehabilitation plan. Local residents alleged that the government did not help the families in any way, who now have moved to nearby areas along the river.

"The administration is telling them to move from there too. But where will they go?" asked Saddam Hussen, a social activist. "Since last night, there has been rain and fierce winds... little children, women are huddled together in the midst of all this. Some got the eviction notices the night before, some on the day of the drive and some did not get any notice at all," he alleged.

When asked about the notice, Darrang DC Prabhati Thaosen said the people got "lot of time". "The committee to look into the agriculture and development project in the area was constituted in June itself. We got a request from the Agriculture Department to declare the area as community agricultural land, so they [the people] had raided, NIA claims plot from Bihar to J&K week, two alleged LeM militants belonging to Bihar's Saran district were arrested -- one from Jammu and another from Bihar.

Drone attack: Ex-soldier among those

Among those raided on Tuesday was Talib Naik, a resident of Kishtwar's Masjid Mohalla who retired from 159 Territorial Army in March, as well as a daily wager with the Public Health Engineering Department, Ghulam Mohammad Dar, belonging to Dithan Tandar in Doda.

A month after he had retired, Naik, the recipient of a Sena Medal for his services in anti-militancy operations, had had a fall at home, hit his head, and gone into a coma. He has been hospitalised since.

Sources said NIA officers were at Naik's residence for nearly three hours from 5 am. and among other things, found an Army knife that he had not reOne of Naik's cousins told The Indian Express that his uncle had failed to do so due to his accident.

Sources said NIA officers asked Dar about his son, who works in Ladakh as a labourer.

In an official statement, the NIA said the raids were carried out with the assistance of J&K Police and CRPF at eight locations, in Anantnag, Baramulla, Kulgam, Srinagar, Doda and Kishtwar, in connection with the Narwal IED seizure. The NIA said the LeT and its associates based in J&K were planning to carry out attacks under the name 'The Resistance Front' (TRF)

During the searches, the NIA said, many digital devices and incriminating material were re-

On June 26, hours before the drone attack, police had arrested

Jammu division's Banihal and an alleged TRF member, with 5 kg IED from Narwal. This was followed by the arrest of his suspected associates Talib Rehman from Banihal in Jammu and Nadeem Ayub Rather om Shopian in Kashmir.

On July 31, the NIA had arrested a suspected LeM member and conducted search operations at 15 places as part of the probe.

Last week, arrests were made of Saran-based Mohammad Arman Ali alias Arman Mansuri, and Mohammad Ehsanullah alias Guddu Ansari, for alleged involvement in the transportation of two consignments of illegal arms and ammunition from Bihar to Mohali, Punjab, and Ambala, Haryana. Police said these weapons had been eventually transported to LeM chief

Court: No element of inducement seen in case to prove cheating

Raj Kundra leaves Arthur

Road jail in Mumbai on

Tuesday. Ganesh Shirsekar

KUNDRA GETS BAIL

Mumbai: In its detailed order granting bail to Raj Kundra, the court has observed that there is no "element of inducement" seen in the case against him to prove cheating.

Kundra, who was arrested in July in connection with creation and uploading of pornographic films on mobile applications, was granted bail by a metropolitan magistrate's court on Monday. He was released from Arthur Road jail on Tuesday.

The charges under which Kundra and other accused have been booked include cheating. The Mumbai Police crime branch has alleged that the victim women were cheated by being told that they were acting in a web series. "...if the statements of witnesses are perused, then the element of inducement which is the prime ingredient of cheating appears to be missing from the case of the prosecution," the court said.

Along with Kundra, Ryan Thorpe, the IT head of Kundra's company, was granted bail. **ENS**

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ARUN SHARMA

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 21

THE NATIONAL Investigation

Agency (NIA) conducted multi-

ple raids across Jammu and

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belonging to several people, in-

cluding a decorated former sol-

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this year and the recovery of 5 kg

between a suspected Lashkar-e-

Toiba plot to plant an IED in Jammu

and the drone attack on the IAF

station in the city a few hours later,

on June 27. Officials said the probe

had unearthed a network of the

Lashkar-e-Mustafa (LeM), be-

lieved to be an offshoot of the Jaish-

The NIA is trying to find a link

of IED said to be linked to it.

PLACING ON record its decision to induct women in the armed forces through the National Defence Academy (NDA), the Defence Ministry has told Supreme Court that the Union Public Service Commission(UPSC)will notify the entrance exam for this in May 2022 by which time the necessary mechanism for their induction will

"...the Government of India, in line with its commitment, hereby places on record its clear and cat-

also be put in place.

egorical stand that the women candidates shall be considered for entry in the three defence services, in the existing streams, through the National Defence Academy," the ministry said in an affidavit filed in the court.

It added, "...in order to execute the aforesaid intent of the Government and the compliance of interim order dated 18 Aug 2021 of the Hob'ble Court in letter and spirit, it is most humbly stated at the outset that entrance examination for entry into NDA are held twice in a year and Government proposes to have the necessary mechanism in place by May 2022,

i.e. the time by which UPSC is required to publish the first notification of the year 2022, for entrance examination for entry to NDA".

The government said that keeping the timelines in mind. meticulous planning and preparation is called for to ensure smooth induction and training of women candidates.

On the preparations required for this, it pointed to the medical standards that candidates have to meet and said that while the medical standards of male candidates are in place, that of women candidates "are in the process of formulation". It said that "while

the education curriculum is well set, all the rest of aspects of the training are required to be formulated separately for the women candidates". There is also the need to up-

grade infrastructure depending

on the intake strength of the women candidates, it said. "That all cadets in the NDA are accommodated in Cabins which are Squadron housed Buildings...The existing sanitation/bathroom cubicles for women candidates will fall short of the requirements and shall require reconstruction/modification to maintain privacy," it said.

EXPRESS INVESTIGATION - PART 1 (FROM PAGE ONE)

Bihar Dy CM is four-time Katihar MLA, his family and aides got 36 contracts in district



Top of the list are family members and aides of BJP legislature party leader and Deputy ister Tarkishore Prasac who got projects worth over Rs 53 crore under the scheme.

Then come a slew of statelevel leaders of the two ruling parties, JD(U) and BJP — a testament to how politics permeates the civil construction business here when it comes to implementing government schemes.

This comes when the Centre, showcasing its own Jal Jeevan Mission last month, included Bihar's numbers as part of it. prompting a rebuttal by the state Water Minister. Bihar had jumped from the bottom five on the Centre's dashboard two years ago (1.84% households that receive tap water) to be ranked among the top four (86.96%).

For Bihar's own Har Ghar Nal Ka Jal, The Indian Express investigated bid documents for projects in as many as 20 districts and matched them with records maintained by the Registrar of Companies (RoC) and Bihar's Public Health Engineering Department (PHED). The PHED is the scheme's implementing authority along with the state's Panchayati Raj and Urban Development departments.

This newspaper also visited project sites where those who got contracts had political links. spoke to several contractors involved in executing the scheme on the ground, and interviewed beneficiaries in villages across the state.

Bottomline: patronage flows from the top.

Records show that in 2019-20, the PHED allotted 36 projects under the drinking water scheme covering several wards in at least nine panchayats of Katihar district, from where Deputy CM Prasad is a four-time MLA, to his daughter-in-law Puja Kumari — and two companies linked to his brother-in-law Pradeep Kumar Bhagat; and close aides Prashant Chandra Jaiswal, Lalit Kishore Prasad and Santosh Kumar.

In some cases, the family's hold was absolute: records show that work in all 13 wards of Bhavada panchayat in Katihar

was awarded to Kumari, and Bhagat's company. And, at the sites of all projects allotted to Kumari and the two companies, local staff told The Indian Express that Bhagat ran the show. Officials linked to the

scheme's implementation in Katihar, speaking on the condition that they not be named, said Kumari has no record of any work in this field. When contacted by The ndian Express. Prasad denied

that any political patronage was involved in the award of these contracts — and pointed out that he was the Katihar MLA at the time and became Deputy Chief Minister in November 2020. Prasad, however, confirmed

contracts for four wards but said he had no direct link to the two other companies although his brother-in-law was a director of one of them (see page 1).

that his daughter-in-law had got

And yet, records show

■ PUJA KUMARI, daughterin-law of Bihar Deputy CM Project: 4 wards, Bhavada panchayat, Katihar. Awarded by: PHED. Cost: Rs 1.6 crore.

Kumari is registered as an individual contractor with PHED and shares the same postal address as her father-in-law, the Deputy CM: IB Niketan, Gerabadi Road, Mirchaiwadi Chowk, Katihar. She has been allotted work in

four wards of Bhavada panchayat, barely 10 km from Katihar town with an estimated project cost of Rs 1.6 crore. Subodh Shanker, the approval authority for these contracts as PHED executive engineer in Katihar from June 2016 to June 2021, said that the project has been completed and around 63 per cent of the money disbursed to Kumari.

The Indian Express visited each of the four wards and found that several beneficiaries welcomed the scheme while some others complained of faulty implementation and incomplete work.

Sanjay Mandal, the designated water tank operator at ward No. 4, said 150 taps have been provided and that he reports to Pradeep Kumar Bhagat, who is the brother of Deputy CM Prasad's wife. "We had trial runs in March and April. This is Puja Kumari's contract but I coordinate with Bhagat's men," said Rajendra Jha, the operator at ward No.10.

Kumari could not be reached for comment despite several at-



Most of the projects have been implemented by Bihar's Public Health Engineering Department (PHED). Santosh Singh

tempts by The Indian Express, including messages to her husband Amit Kumar who is the Deputy CM's son.

INFRASTRUCTURE PVT LTD **Project:** 9 wards, Bhavada panchayat, Katihar. Awarded

by: PHED. Cost: Rs 3.6 crore.

RoC records list Deputy CM Prasad's brother-in-law Pradeep Kumar Bhagat and his wife Kiran Bhagat as directors of the com-

PHED records show the company was allotted three contracts covering nine wards under the scheme, all in Bhavada panchavat. When contacted, Pradeep Kumar Bhagat told *The Indian* Express that Rs 1.8 crore of the total project cost has been disbursed and that work has been completed. But again, a visit to the spot last month showed that there were several gaps still to be plugged. For instance, at ward No. 1, the water tank had not yet been fixed, with a bundle of pipes piled up at the site.

Bhagat did not provide any other details of the company's involvement in the scheme.

■ JEEVANSHREE INFRASTRUCTURE PVT LTD Project: 110 wards, 8 panchayats, Katihar. Awarded by: PHED. Cost: Rs 48 crore.

RoC records list Deputy CM Prasad's aides, Prashant Chandra Jaiswal, Lalit Kishore Prasad and Santosh Kumar, as directors of

The company was allotted projects by the PHED under the scheme in 110 wards covering the panchayats of Dherua, Garhmeli, Purvi Dalan, Dalan Paschim, Dandkhora, Amraili, Raipur and Sahya in Katihar.

When contacted laiswal said: "I stay in Patna. Bablu (Gupta), a staff member, looks after the company's work in Katihar." Jaiswal confirmed that he was associated with Deputy CM

Bablu Gupta said that Rs 33 crore of the project cost has been disbursed so far to the company by PHED. "We were earlier in the real estate business, and we have been providing quality work in Katihar," Gupta said.

director, said he is "based in Patna" but did not provide any details about the company's involvement in the tap water scheme. Asked if he was related to Deputy CM Prasad, he said: 'Not directly." Santosh Kumar, the other director, could not be reached over phone and did not respond to queries on email about his alleged association with Prasad.

Lalit Kishore Prasad, another

At several of the project: like those under Puja Kumari and Deepkiran Infrastructure Pvt Ltd, local operators told The Indian Express that the work was being managed by Deputy CM

Prasad's brother-in-law Bhagat. "Bhagat pays me Rs 3,000 per month for maintenance. My job is to supply water three times a day — two hours each in the morning, afternoon and evening," said a site operator at ward No.8 of Dalan Purvi panchayat, where Jeevanshree Infrastructures Pvt Ltd's board is

displayed. 'Need people to come forward, complain'

When contacted by The Indian Express, Bihar PHED Minister and BJP leader Ram Prit Paswan said that he had "heard about such cases" but not about contracts awarded to the Deputy

CM's family and associates. "We need people to come forward and complain about this. If contractors have substantial proof that another person with bureaucratic or political influence has got contracts at their expense, they can complain to us. All contracts were awarded before I became PHED Minister. There are also complaints about some engineers awarding con-

tracts to their favourites," he said. PHED Secretary Jitendra Srivastava said: "There is a standard process of tendering and bidding. A company or contractor that qualifies as L-1 (lowest bidder) gets the contract."

Asked if the department had received any complaints about political patronage in the award of contracts, Srivastava said: "No. We are coming to know about it for the first time. If there was irregularity in awarding the contracts, action can still be taken." Shanker, the former PHED

executive engineer in Katihar who is now posted in Araria, said: "Puja Kumari, Deepkiran Infrastructure and Jeevanshree Infrastructure were allotted work during my tenure in 2019-20 after they duly qualified through the bidding process."

How this showpiece scheme plugs many gaps, and opens some

homes. The common goal: easy access to clean drinking water with the larger aim of improving public health across the board.

Under the scheme, drinking water is supplied for two hours each in the morning, afternoon and evening. And to implement this, work is allotted to contractors by the Public Health Engineering Department (PHED), and Panchayati Raj and Urban Development departments, through Standard Bidding Documents (SBDs).

For work under Panchayati Raj, where a panchayat committee has to implement the scheme, the project cost (for unfiltered water) is Rs 15-18 lakh, depending on the size of a ward and the number of households. At this level, the authority that holds the power of approval is a three-member panchavat committee headed by the mukhiya. At the state level, a team headed by the Panchayati Raj Secretary decides the amount to be allotted for a panchayat ward based on population.

For the same volume for work, PHED disburses Rs 30-57 lakh, depending on water quality - the project cost is higher because of maintenance and filtering costs. This department, which implements a major chunk of the scheme, disburses 60 to 65 per cent of the contract amount to contractors during the course of work and 35 to 40 per cent in equal parts for maintenance over five years.

The Urban Development Department allots Rs 45-50 lakh for a contract, which includes five years' maintenance for each ward. For PHED and Urban Development Department contracts, the executive engineer in charge approves the award of contracts after the bidding

Each project involves setting up two ISI-marked plastic water tanks of 5,000 litres on an elevated (26-48 feet) iron platform called Jal Minar; pumping water 300-400-foot-deep borewells maintained by a local

New Delhi

Har Ghar Nal Ka Jal is a cluster of four state schemes...The common goal: easy access to clean drinking water with the larger aim of improving public health across the board.



operator; and, providing supply to a point nearest to the house entrance through plastic pipes and a brass tap.

Firms or individual contractors who win the bid have to maintain the project for five years. A ward usually has 100-250 households, and one household can get one or more tap connections according to the number of Aadhaar cards produced. Any misuse, such as the water being used for other purposes, can attract fines of Rs 350 for the first offence, Rs 400 for the second and Rs 5,000 for the third, followed by disconnection of supply.

According to several officials and contractors, projects under PHED and Urban Development Department are sought after since they involve tenders for multiple wards that are usually at least four times the cost of those awarded at the panchayat

The norms specify that in each of these contracts, there have to be at least two bidders. However, in the case of a re-tender, a single bid is enough. This provision, officials and contractors say, is a key factor that has led to the process being compro-

"When it is decided that a certain person has to be awarded

work, no one bids in the first tender. In the re-tender, the favoured person emerges as the single bidder and gets the contract," said a contractor, who has bagged contracts in three dis-

"Another method involves the favoured person and his or her dummy company or contractor taking part as the two bidders in the first tender. Other contractors are given some money and promised contracts in the next lot," said a contractor

from Bhagalpur. Incidentally, the SBDs of Jeevanshree Infrastructure Pvt Ltd, in which Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Tarkishore Prasad's aide Prashant Chandra Jaiswal is a director, show that 21 contracts in one consecutive series (SBDs No.137-157) and 10 in another (SBDs No. 315-324) were awarded to the company in

Katihar in 2019-2020. At least 12 contractors from different districts told The Indian Express that in most cases, the PHED executive engineer calls the shots. "All prospective bidders are told about who will get the contract. Other bidders are asked either to abstain or quote higher rates to get disqualified,"

said a contractor. According to a PHED contractor from the Seemanchal region, it is a "standard rule to give four per cent commission to the PHED department before start of work" and "this can go up to 10-11 per cent till completion". The contractor said the commission is allegedly divided among officials, "right from junior engineers to executive engineers and chief engineers" and are "direct cash transac-

When contacted, Bihar PHED Minister Ram Prit Paswan acknowledged that there have been "complaints about some engineers awarding contracts to their favourites". PHED Secretary Jitendra Srivastava said that action would be taken if irregularities are detected in the award of

CORONAVIRUS DASHBOARD TOTAL VACCINATED IN INDIA (at least one dose) 60,95,68,160 First dose Second dose 1,50,00,000 → 30,57,152 59,01,387 75,00,000 40,44,296 LAST 10 DAYS (daily) Sept 20 **COVISHIELD COVAXIN TOTAL DOSES** 88.4% 11.5% 81,85,13,827 (Sputnik V's **8,93,657** doses not represented in pie) DOSES ON SEPT 20 99.45.683 SEPT 19: 41,95,813 (1st doses: 26,20,323; 2nd: 15,75,490) Note: The Sept 20 figures in these graphs are based on the government updates on Sept 21 Source: Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, updated at 11 pm on September 20

TELLING NUMBERS

'Spanish flu' toll crossed, Covid is now deadliest pandemic in US

COVID-19 HAS now claimed more lives in the US than the 1918 pandemic of what is commonly referred to as the 'Spanish flu'. That makes it the deadliest pandemic ever in the US. The death toll in that country due to Covid-19 is 6,76,076, according to Our World in Data's update till 10 pm on Tuesday. And the 1918 pandemic had killed more than 6,75,000 in the US, as per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The 1918 pandemic was first reported from Madrid, but the flu did not really originate in Spain, according to an editorial in the Postgraduate Medical Journal. It is remembered as the deadliest of the 20th century, with its spread aided by global troop movement during WWI. Estimates for global and country-wise death tolls vary. For India, a 2016 study in the journal Demography estimated the toll at between 12 million and 13 million (1.2-1.3 crore). Globally, the 1918 pandemic killed at least 50 million (5 cros

But a 2018 study published in the American Journal of Epidemiology suggested that about 17.4 million people died globally as a result of the influenza. Even this conservative estimate is several times higher than the global death toll from Covid-19 (4.7 million) so far.

as per estimates cited by the CDC.



Policemen in Seattle in masks during the pandemic of 1918. Wikipedia/Public domai

DEATHS DUE TO PREVIOUS PANDEMICS IN THE US

PANDEMIC	ESTIMATED US TOLL
1918 flu	6,75,000
1957 flu	1,16,000
1968 flu	1,00,000
2009 swine flu	12,500
	Source: US CDC

COVID-19 DEATHS

COUNTRY	DEATHS
Global	4.7 million
US	6,76,076
Brazil	5,90,955
India	4,45,385
Mexico	2,71,765
Peru	1,99,036
Russia	1,95,438
Indonesia	1,40,634
UK	1,35,589
Italy	1,30,354
Colombia	1,25,924
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Source: Our World in Data; data as of Sept 20

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SIMPLY PUT

Crisis at a Chinese giant

Chinese real estate major Evergrande, \$305 bn in the red, is on the brink of implosion. Markets have been spooked by fears of an effect on economies — but Evergrande is unlikely to become the Lehman of this era.

ANIL SASI

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

WHEN Lehman Brothers collapsed, setting off the global financial meltdown in 2008, the New York-headquartered financial services major was \$619 billion in the red. On the face of it, the fallout of the implosion at Evergrande appears to be less ominous — the \$305 billion liabilities of China's teetering real estate giant is under half the debt of Lehman at the time it went belly-up.

But the volume of Evergrande's liabilities is still more than South Africa's GDP in 2020. More importantly, the contagion effect is spooking the markets: The possibility that the fall of one of the largest property developers in a country where nearly three quarters of household wealth is locked up in housing, could effectively set off losses that spread to China's opaque financial system, and end up having a knock-on effect on both the domestic and world economies.

Crash on Monday

Monday's global markets rout, including a sharp slide in benchmark indices in India, had multiple triggers.

One, that the worsening cash crunch at Evergrande could prompt a regulatory crackdown on China's real estate sector, which could potentially spiral into a financial sector contagion.

Two, US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen's warning of an "economic catastrophe" if American lawmakers failed to increase a legally-imposed debt ceiling. Alongside, there are worries over US Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell laying out plans to taper the central bank's bond purchases after the Federal Open Market Committee meeting on Wednesday.

On Tuesday, most global markets recovered losses from the day earlier.

Crisis at Evergrande

Evergrande, founded in 1996, started out selling bottled water, had a stint in pig-farming, and owns China's top professional football team, Guangzhou Football Club, which is managed by the former captain of Italy and Real Madrid centre back Fabio Cannavaro.

The company has long been the poster boy of the Chinese real estate boom. It rode on a sustained property prices surge — which has also been the main driver of the postpandemic Chinese economic recovery — to



At an Evergrande city plaza in Beijing, a map marks out the company's development projects in China. AP

expand into more than 250 Chinese cities, selling home-ownership dreams to the country's growing middle class. It went on a debt binge to progressively diversify from building apartment complexes in China's key metropolitan cities to the smaller towns.

There were two immediate triggers that precipitated the crisis at Evergrande.

Chinese regulators, as part of a widespread crackdown on sectors such as the digital economy and education, began investigations into the high borrowings of property developers. To counter that, Evergrande tried selling off some of its business. But a progressive slowing down of China's property market, and the tapering demand for new houses crimped cash flows.

The two factors combined to precipitate the cash crunch at Evergrande. The company is now struggling under the over \$300 billion liabilities burden, equivalent to 2% of China's GDP, that has decimated its credit rating and share price. It is faced with nearly 800 unfinished residential buildings, many unpaid suppliers, and over a million home buyers who have partly paid for their properties.

A closely-watched milestone for Evergrande comes up on Thursday, when the

firm is due to pay over \$83 million in interest relating to its March 2022 bond. It has another \$47 million payment due on September 29 for March 2024 bonds, according to Reuters. There will be defaults on both bonds if Evergrande is unable to settle the interest within 30 days of the grace period from the scheduled payment dates.

The systemic risks

There are two factors here.

One, China has been instrumental in the post-pandemic global economic recovery, having been the first off the block in controlling the spread of the coronavirus, and shrugging off the impact of the lockdowns in the first quarter of 2020.

Second, China's extended property boom that started in the mid-1990s has now ensured that nearly three quarters of the country's household wealth is locked up in housing. An impending collapse at the biggest real estate company could have a serious knockon effect on the economy as a whole, dragging down growth and potentially setting off a cascading impact that could singe the global commodities and financial markets.

There are also concerns about Huarong, a

Chinese state-owned financial conglomerate that has liabilities of nearly \$240 billion, and which is reported to be in trouble as well. escalating the perception of a wider systemic

But there are also indications that the Chinese Communist Party is likely to throw its weight behind a backstop mechanism to ensure that the crisis at either of these companies does not spiral out of control. Wall Street analysts and economists assert that the comparisons with Lehman Brothers don't hold. According to analysts at Barclays, the speculation that the Evergrande crisis could become China's "Lehman moment" is overblown. "Not even close, in our opinion," they said, in a Monday note quoted by

On Tuesday, the debt-laden property developer's chairman Hui Ka Yan, in a letter to staff, said Evergrande will deliver property projects as pledged.

"Evergrande will walk out of its darkest moment, resume full-scale constructions as soon as possible, and achieve the pivotal target of delivering the property projects as pledged," said Hui, without elaborating how the company would achieve all this.

Most analysts are of the view that a payments default is a likely outcome.

Impact on markets, wealth

Ahead of Tuesday's recovery in some markets, the selloff the previous day was fairly broad-based, with key indices across the Asia-Pacific and Europe plummeting sharply. The global rout in stock markets also hit the world's biggest fortunes, with the richest 500 people losing a combined \$135 billion, Bloomberg reported.

In India's stock markets, the metals segment, which has been surging since the start of the year and appeared to show signs of overheating, tanked sharply on Monday, before staging a recovery on Tuesday.

India's buoyant iron ore exports, much of

which is headed to China, could also see an impact if the twin crises there trigger a protracted slowdown in the Chinese real estate And there could potentially be a sus-

tained impact on global growth prospects, dampening the nascent recovery that is underway in countries around the world.

The Fed's tapering action is being seen as vet another headwind that could further impact sentiment, even though much of this

Countries reopening: Where can Indians travel?

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NEW DELHI. SEPTEMBER 21

AS MORE of the world gets vaccinated, many jurisdictions are reopening travel, albeit in a carefully calibrated manner. In announcements made over the past few days, several popular destinations for Indians have been opened to some categories of travellers. while one nation — the United Kingdom has angered India by a seemingly arbitrary change of rules that is discriminatory to vaccinated Indians.

UNITED STATES: Jeff Zients, the White House pandemic coordinator, said on Monday that foreigners will be allowed into the country if they can show proof of full vaccination before boarding a plane to the US, and a negative Covid-19 test within three days of arriving in America.

However, details on key aspects such as which visa types will be issued, and which specific vaccines will be considered as capable of inoculating "fully", are not known yet.

Zients was reported as saying international travel was critical to connect families

change of ideas and culture, but it was not clear if tourism was being opened up as well. The New York Times report noted that "the halt to the 18-month ban on travel from 33 countries" including India, "could help rejuvenate a US tourism industry that has been crippled by the pandemic". On the issue of "full vaccination", The NYT

report said the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) considers people as "fully inoculated two weeks after they receive the second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, or the single dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine". The report quoted Thomas Skinner, a CDC

spokesman, as saying that people who have been jabbed with vaccines listed by the World Health Organization, such as AstraZeneca, too would be considered fully vaccinated. What has not been clarified is whether Covishield, the Made-in-India variant of the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine, also qualifies. After completely banning flights from

countries including India in January, the US had allowed student cohorts to fly into the

and friends, for businesses, and for open exsemester.

> **CANADA:** Starting Tuesday, Canada has allowed direct flights to and from India, and relaxed the third-country RT-PCR requirement that Indian travellers were subject to while taking a stopover flight to Canada.

Canada had banned all flights from India months ago, after passengers with pre-travel negative RT-PCR certificates returned positive tests on arrival.

THAILAND: The Thailand Embassy in New Delhi announced on Monday that it would resume issuing some types of visas for permitted non-Thai nationals.

These include visas for students, those with a work permit, those with a residency permit, etc. It is not issuing medical visas or tourist visas as yet.

UNITED KINGDOM: The UK has tweaked its rules to do away, with effect from October 4, with the 'amber' list in its 'traffic light system' for international travel. India is on the amber list, which mandates a set of testing and quarantine requirements.

Once the 'traffic light' goes, the UK will have only a 'red' list with mandatory quar-

fully vaccinated, if the vaccine is not on an authorised list. As of now, the India-made Covishield and Covaxin vaccines are not on the list. India has protested the discrimination, and the two countries are talking to try and resolve the issue. **OTHER COUNTRIES:** A number of coun-

tries including the UAE, Germany, Spain, Maldives, and Turkey are allowing Indian In the run-up to Expo 2020 in Dubai,

which kicks off on October 1, the UAE has started issuing tourist visas, including to Indian citizens. Earlier this month, the Turkish Embassy in

New Delhi announced that travellers flying to Turkey from India will no longer have to undergo the mandatory 14-day quarantine upon arrival as long as they were fully vaccinated.

Last month, Germany reclassified India

to "high (Covid) incidence areas" - down from the higher travel restriction level of "virus variant areas". With this, it removed the entry ban for travellers from India. Spain is allowing fully-vaccinated tourists

Why Assam govt is burning 2,500 rhino horns in a special ceremony

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GUWAHATI, SEPTEMBER 21

ASSAM will mark World Rhino Day -September 22 — with a special ceremony by burning a stockpile of nearly 2,500 horns of the one-horned rhinoceros. This was announced by the state Cabinet last week after weeks of 'rhino horn reverification' exercises by the Forest Department across the state.

What is the purpose of the ceremony?

The public ceremony — scheduled at Bokakhat in Kaziranga National Park (KNP) with Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma as the chief guest and several other politicians present — has been publicised as a "milestone towards rhino conservation" aimed at "busting myths about rhino horns". "It's a loud and clear message to the poachers and smugglers that such items have no value." said M K Yadava, Chief Wildlife Warden, Assam.

However, in the illegal market such horns

can fetch a high price. A Forest Department release said "ground rhino horn is used in traditional Chinese medicine to cure a range of ailments, from cancer to hangovers, and also as an aphrodisiac," In Vietnam, possessing a rhino horn is considered a status symbol "Due to demand in these countries, poaching pressure on rhinos is ever persistent against which one cannot let the guard down" it added.

Thus the case for the destruction of horns a process that is in compliance with Section 39(3)(c) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act of 1972. As per a Gauhati High Court ruling, a public hearing on the destruction was held last month but officials said there were no objections made by the public.

Bibhab Talukdar, chair of the Asian Rhino Specialist Group in the International Union for the Conservation of Nature's Asian Rhino Specialist Group, and CEO and secretary general of the NGO Aaranyak, said India was a signatory to CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna). "It is illegal to sell the horns in the country anyway. So instead of the horns decaying in treasuries, the decision to burn it will send a clear-cut message -that this is not medicine," he said.

Where were these horns all these years?

The horns have been stored in treasuries across the state over decades. After a rhino dies, either out of natural causes or due to poaching, its horn – essentially a mass of compacted hair – is kept in the custody of the Forest Department in the state treasuries.

Through August and September, the Forest Department carried out 'horn reverification' exercises spanning treasuries across seven wildlife zones (Morigaon, Manas, Mangaldai, Guwahati, Bokakhat, Nagaon and Tezpur) and examined more than 2,500 horns. It was a multi-step process in which an expert committee — comprising DFOs, wildlife experts, forensic specialists and technicians – examined, tagged, weighed, measured, and extracted DNA for genetic sampling



The longest rhino horn (51.5 cm) in the treasuries; it will be preserved. Express

of each and every horn, besides other things. The aim was to recount and reverify the horns - while the majority was put aside to be destroyed, 5 per cent, which had unique characteristics, were earmarked for preservation.

The verification was completed on September 12. After the reconciliation of 2,623 horns, 2,479 were marked for destruction and 94 for preservation. Among the finds were the longest horn (51.5 cm, weight 2.5 kg) from the Guwahati treasury and the heaviest horn (3.05 kg, 36 cm) from Bokakhat treasury. Also, 15 African rhino horns were reconciled and 21 were found fake.

Has such an exercise happened before?

While horns have never been publicly destroyed this way, a reverification exercise did take place in 2016 following allegations by an RTI activist, Dilip Nath, that a section of Forest Department employees had been illegally trading horns in the treasuries and replacing them with fakes. However, the exercise found that all but five horns were genuine.

New Delhi

How serious a threat is poaching? Several cases of rhino poaching were re-

ported in the years leading up to 2013 and 2014. These two years witnessed the highest number of incidents in a decade, at 27 in each year. This has since decreased to 17 in 2015, 18 in 2016, 6 each in 2017 and 2018, and 3 in 2019.

"In 2020-21, it has reduced a bit, with two-three rhinos being poached — still, it is a well-organised crime and we must not let our guard down," said Talukdar.

The one-horned rhino, which was earlier "endangered" as per the IUCN Red List, it is now listed as "Vulnerable."

In 2019, the Assam government constituted a dedicated "Special Rhino Protection Force" to keep a check on rhino poaching and related activities at KNP. A March 2018 rhino census pegged the rhino population at 2,413 in KNP, 101 in Orang National Park, and 102 in Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary, and a more recent count said there were 43 in the Manas

National Park.

THE EDITORIAL PAGE

WORDLY WISE

UK'S DECISION NOT TO RECOGNISE FULLY
VACCINATED INDIANS IS DISCRIMINATORY, RACIST —
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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

VACCINE BULLYING

UK's restrictions on travellers inoculated with Covishield are ill-informed. India must use diplomacy to clear impasse

HE UK'S NEW post-Covid travel rules, announced last week and slated to become effective from October 4, have been criticised as discriminatory towards travellers from India. The list of countries whose vaccines are recognised in the UK does not include India. This means that Indian travellers, who have received both doses of Covishield, will have to quarantine themselves after arriving in the UK, even though the Serum Institute of India-manufactured vaccine is a variant of the Oxford-AstraZeneca jab. Congress leaders have called the move a humiliation of the world's largest vaccine manufacturer — some of them have even described the protocols as racist — and the government has threatened to impose the "reciprocity principle" against British travellers to India. The UK government's clarification that the restrictions are only administrative measures and visitors from some countries that use the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines will also be required to follow the quarantine protocols has not quelled the firestorm. The opprobrium is, no doubt, justified. The way out of the impasse, however, lies in adroit use of diplomatic channels to push the UK to reverse what is clearly an ill-informed decision.

There can be little doubt on the credibility of the vaccine that has driven close to 90 per cent of the world's largest inoculation project outside of China. Covishield is recognised as a strong shield against Covid by the WHO and health authorities in the US. It is a major constituent of inoculation projects in several parts of the developing world and meets the vaccine passport requirements of at least 18 European countries. But the UK's Department of Health and Social Care has cited technicalities to exclude Covishield from the National Health Service's Covid Pass — a proof of vaccination status — even though it recognises the Oxford AstraZeneca shots manufactured under a different brand name, Vaxzevria. The agency has reportedly said it is working to determine which "non-UK vaccine to recognise". This clarification seems bizarre given that the country's Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) approves the AstraZeneca jab manufactured by the SII and more than five million shots of these vaccines have been administered in the UK. In fact, in July, Prime Minister Boris Johnson invoked MHRA's approval to make a pitch for EU vaccine passports for residents of his country who have been administered SII's AstraZeneca shots.

India is the UK's sixth largest non-EU trading partner and Indian students — amongst the most discomfited by the new vaccine regulations — are second only to those from China in terms of foreign enrolments in the country's varsities. Foreign Minister S Jaishankar has rightly told his UK counterpart, Elizabeth Truss, that "an early resolution of the quarantine issue is in the mutual interest of the two countries". In the coming days, India must continue to press this point and dispel all misgivings about Covishield's credibility.

SLIPPING ON GROUND

CRPF report flags leadership issues in Chhattisgarh operations. They need to be addressed for security of jawans and civilians

HE CENTRAL RESERVE Police Force (CRPF) has an unenviable task in Chhattisgarh and other areas affected by Left Wing Extremists (LWEs). It performs a host of functions, from policing and security duties, to conducting counter-insurgency operations — the latter against an adversary that consists of Indian citizens, often deeply connected to local geography, ecology and with an intimate knowledge of the terrain. Given these persistent challenges, it is disturbing that a CRPF review of the forces based in Chhattisgarh by senior officials has found a significant dip in the quality of operations in the Maoist-violence affected state over the last two years.

As reported by this newspaper, a report based on the review has been sent to Sukma, Konta, Bijapur, Dantewada, Jagdalpur, and Raipur and lays much of the blame for the decline on the fact that the involvement of senior officers at the level of commandant and second-in-command has considerably decreased. It is not difficult to see what a lack of hands-on leadership can lead to — for instance, the report found that there have been slip-ups in setting up tactical resting sites during operations. This, of course, leaves troops open to ambushes, which have led to considerable casualties over the years. Most recently, the Sukma-Bijapur ambush led to the death of 22 security personnel. With over a thousand security personnel killed in the state since 2011, the paramilitary forces can ill-afford a decline in operational leadership. The question of training and leadership in the CRPF also has a grave impact on the communities where they function: Recently, the Justice V K Agarwal report concluded that the eight people, including four minors, killed by the CRPF's elite CoBRA unit in Edesmetta in 2013 were civilians, and not Maoists as the force had claimed. In 2019, a single-judge commission concluded that the CRPF had killed 17 people, firing unilaterally in Bijapur. In both cases, the incidents were apparent "mistakes", stemming from a failure of jawans to tell civilians and extremists apart.

While a more involved leadership on the ground may not be sufficient to deal with both operational and intelligence failures that have led to the deaths of jawans as well as the killing of civilians, it is certainly a necessary first step. The CRPF needs a leadership that is more empathetic to its personnel and equal to the harsh circumstances they face. Equally, paramilitary forces must be sensitised to the plight of people in states like Chhattisgarh, who face the brunt of poverty, a security state and Maoist violence.

LOST PITCH

Cancellation of tours by New Zealand and England is a setback for cricket in Pakistan and fans everywhere

T WAS SUPPOSEDLY the last step in Pakistan's long and arduous road to bringing cricket back home. After a decade in wilderness, post the attack on Sri Lanka's team bus by terrorists in Lahore in March 2009, Pakistan was being incrementally reintegrated into the touring schedule. It has hosted West Indies, Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe, besides the elite players of world cricket in the popular Pakistan Super League in the last two years. The fear and reluctance of touring the country were gradually receding, and hosting New Zealand and England, in the next couple of months, was the logical and final step in declaring to the sporting world that Pakistan is safe to tour. But the cancellation of both tours, have sucker-punched their dreams and ambitions to be once again a vibrant, colourful cricket host.

New Zealand's reluctance, citing "specific, credible security threat" against the team, is more reasonable, and hence acceptable, than that of England. Only a fortnight ago an ISIS sympathiser randomly stabbed six people at a supermarket in Auckland. In the past, their cricketers have endured close shaves, twice in Colombo at the peak of Lankan civil war and once in Karachi, after an explosion outside their hotel. But England's excuses in cancelling the trip, chiefly "the mental and physical well-being of our players", "increasing concerns about travelling to the region" and "bubble fatigue", reeked of panic and pretence.

The boards of New Zealand and England, perhaps the ICC too, might compensate Pakistan's logistical loss, but not the damage it has inflicted on a sparkling cricket culture, as deep and diverse, as joyous and frenzied as India's. The cricket-mad country will have to be content with PSL and visits of low-rung nations, even those could be limited in the aftermath of the pullouts, and their best cricketers would be forced to consider someone else's home their home again. That last step on Pakistan's redemption road now looks longer and more arduous than ever before.

The case against NEET



It encroaches on powers of states, skews field against rural and urban poor

A K RAJAN

INDIA IS A federal country; the Indian Constitution distributes the legislative field of education among both states and the Union. The establishment (incorporation), regulation, and winding up of universities is an exclusive state subject. That power is denied to the Parliament.

Admission of students, appointment of teaching faculty, conduct of examination, declaration of results, conferment of degrees, fixation of syllabus are all included within the regulation of the university. "Coordination and determination of standards in higher education" is an exclusive field conferred on the Union. The Union has to co-ordinate with states before fixing such standards. According to the Supreme Court, "The word coordination does not merely mean evaluation but also harmonising relationship for concerted action". Without such consultation with the state governments and treating them as equal partners, the Union cannot decide the standards by itself. Even after the 42nd Amendment, the legislative field of "incorporation", "regulation" and "winding up" of the universities, carved out from education, remains with the states.

In 1984, when the demand for certain courses exceeded the number of seats available, Tamil Nadu evolved the Common Entrance Test (CET) for admission to engineering and medical institutions. Later, a decision was taken to abolish all entrance examinations through the "Tamil Nadu admission in professional educational institutions Act 2006" (Act 3 /2007). Students were admitted only on the basis of their performance in the qualifying examinations (Class XII marks).

From 1997, the Union government showed its intent to control the admissions to all medical institutions. The Medical Council of India (MCI) on December 21, 2010, and the Dental Council of India (DCI) in 2012, issued notifications prescribing a common entrance examination for admission. The Supreme Court, in 2013, in the *Christian Medical College vs Union of India* case ruled that MCI and DCI had no such powers to regulate the admission of students into medical institutions "since they have the effect of denuding the states, state-run Universities". In the review petitions filed by MCI, the Supreme Court on April 11, 2016 "re-

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called" the judgment delivered on July 18, 2013.

Within a few days thereafter, the Sankalp Charitable Trust filed a public interest litigation, seeking a direction to make NEET compulsory for admission of students to all medical colleges. That case first appeared before the court on April 27, 2016. The very next day, the writ of mandamus was issued as prayed for. The SC gave the reason that the 2013 judgment had already been recalled therefore, the "notifications dated December 21, 2010 are in operation as on today". Though education is a concurrent subject, NEET was mandated without even giving notice to any of the states. The SC failed to note that the field covered by Entry 25 List III (Concurrent List), is "Education minus establishment and regulation of universities".

The MCI Act, Section 10D, conferred power to regulate admissions to medical colleges. That was inserted only in May 2016. In December 2010, there was no legislative authority to issue such a notification. A valid notification was issued only on January 22, 2018. At present, the MCI Act has been repealed; only the National Medical Commission Act holds the field

Laws are made for the people; people are not made for law. The success of a law is determined by its outcome. If a law does not achieve the object, the law has to be changed to ensure the desired outcome.

According to our study, NEET has reduced the number of Class XII students getting admitted to medical colleges. Only students who attended coaching classes for two or three years could get admission. Very few "first-generation" students could clear NEET. It shows that the wealthy and powerful have rigged the system of NEET to perpetuate their privilege. The professional classes have figured out how to pass their advantage to their children, converting meritocracy into hereditary aristocracy. There cannot be a competition between a race-horse and a "cart-pulling" horse. The rural and urban poor cannot spend lakhs of rupees to get coached for NEET and cannot afford to wait for two or three years only to prepare for the test.

Conducting NEET and NEXT (National Exit Exam for MBBS) under the NMC Act is also tantamount to shifting the regulation of univer-

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arose in this political alliance which, on the

one hand, caused the political downfall of the

Congress and, on the other, gave rise to the

BSP in north India. The BSP's own Dalit vote

sity to the Union list. That amounts to altering the basic structure of the Constitution.

"Public health, hospital and dispensaries" is a state subject. Therefore, there is a constitutional obligation on the state to ensure quality public health even in remote villages, which do not have the facilities available in metro cities. The objective of starting more medical colleges in remote areas is to get qualified doctors in and around that region. Rarely are persons from metropolises willing to serve in remote villages.

Every student entering medical colleges does not become an expert in their field. Every patient does not require such expertise in treatment. But a qualified medical practitioner is required to treat common ailments. That can be achieved only by producing qualified doctors from all areas within a state.

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The SC, as early as 1960, had suggested starting more rural universities to cater to the rural people. Though this was in a case relating to reservations, the rationale is applicable to admissions of students as well. Finally, students should be tested only on what they have learnt in their years of schooling. Testing them through entrance examinations in areas they did not study is nothing but arbitrary.

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LIMITS OF BHAICHARA POLITICS

BSP's Brahmin outreach may fail in the absence of a social alliance

Badri Narayan

WHILE ADDRESSING a conference of Brahmins recently, Bahujan Samaj Party chief Mayawati said she will take care of the dignity, glory and livelihood of Brahmins and provide them proper representation in the party and the government. The BSP is trying hard to form a Dalit-Brahmin social alliance for the UP assembly election in 2022. In a way, this is an effort to revive the experiment the BSP had successfully conducted during the 2007 assembly election.

The BSP's electoral strategy is based on forming social alliances of Dalits — its vote base — with other communities. This works in two ways: First, by providing political representation and second, through evolving social harmony or "bhaichara". After 2007, the BSP tried to form electoral alliances with communities such as Muslims and Yadavs, but these didn't fetch the expected returns. It, therefore, is attempting to repeat the Dalit-Brahmin alliance experiment that won the party office in 2007 for the forthcoming election.

In this form of social engineering, a community with a lower location in the social hierarchy proposes and leads an alliance with a community that has a higher location, so that they can acquire and share power. The question is whether the two social poles can come together comfortably in 2022.

Post Independence, Indian democracy had, in its own way, ruptured the functioning of the social hierarchy. Brahmins and Dalits, two social poles, started supporting the Congress together and worked politically as an alliance to acquire power. Due to various

base is insufficient for the party to win elections. That is why it started looking for alliances with other communities. It realised that the contradiction of Dalits with the new dominant communities in UP is sharper than with the traditionally dominant communities like Brahmins. This is due to changes in rural land relations and the growing political aspirations of neo-rich, neo-dominant groups, most of whom have emerged from among the OBCs in rural Uttar Pradesh. So it was strategically comfortable for the BSP to form a Dalit-Brahmin alliance under its leadership.

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Brahmins, as a caste, lost their importance in the politics of the state and started rallying around the BJP. The BSP had formed an alliance with the BJP in 1995 after its coalition with the Samajwadi Party failed. Thus, through various ways, Mayawati evolved the BSP's connect with Brahmin leaders and proposed a Dalit-Brahmin alliance under the "sarvajan" agenda in 2007. This alliance succeeded because the BSP had developed a comfort level with Brahmin leaders and the community after having worked together for at least six-seven years before the election. This social alliance between Dalits and Brahmins had been forged by forming bhaichara samitis (brotherhood committees).

But this time it seems that the BSP is try-

ing to revive a political alliance with Brahmins, which has been a major vote base for the BJP, without developing a social alliance. Dalits at the grassroots may feel comfortable while voting for the BSP along with Brahmins, but a similar socio-political comfort in the Brahmin community can't emerge naturally. The necessary political accommodation has to be cultivated through a rigorous campaign. Merely depending on anti-incumbency or highlighting the perception of Brahmin annoyance with the BJP cannot necessarily produce a shift in allegiance at the grass roots.

Moreover, the cultural-religious symbols through which the BJP works to mobilise the public are very deeply ingrained in the hearts and minds of a major section of the Brahmin public. This has made them a long-term vote base for the BJP.

In these conditions, the BSP's over-dependence on the Dalit-Brahmin alliance for electoral victory in 2022 may not yield the expected results. A middle-aged villager from the Jatav community in a village near Allahabad told me, "Bhaiyya, hum neeche aur upar ek ho jaye to hume kaun hara sakta hai? (When people from a lower social location and those from a higher social location come together, then who can defeat us?)" But we still need to know whether those referred to as "uparwaley" in this conversation feel comfortable in shifting their political position in the favour of the BSP.

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PM on Punjab

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THE PRIME MINISTER is going to Chandigarh on September 22 to study the situation in Punjab after the violence two days ago in the wake of the arrest of Sant Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale. She has kept herself in touch with developments in the state on Monday through intelligence reports. Home Minister Giani Zail Singh discussed the situation with the cabinet and home secretaries. He apprised Mrs Gandhi of the latest developments. The PM, it is believed, has doubts on whether Chief Minister Darbara Singh will be able to handle the situation. She is also worried because she will be on an 18-day tour abroad. She has, therefore, asked the

Chief Minister to call an all-party meeting on Tuesday to seek the cooperation of the Opposition in maintaining peace and harmony in the state. She also wants to take the Opposition into confidence in dealing with the situation.

ANTULAY'S FUTURE

THE MYSTERY AROUND Mrs Indira Gandhi's inability to find a successor for Maharashtra Chief Minister A R Antulay remained unsolved. There is a chance of Antulay being given a reprieve till the second week of October, when the PM returns to the country. The central leadership is keen to settle the future of the trusts floated by Antulay

before removing him from office.

Haryana no-trust

THE HARYANA VIDHAN Sabha rejected a no-trust motion against the Bhajan Lal government by 50 votes to 37. The motion tabled by the BJP, Lok Dal and the Janata Party was the first against the government.

POWER CRISIS

DUE TO AN acute power crisis in the entire northern region, the Centre has asked DESU to curb power consumption. The directive follows the curtailment of power from Bhakra for Delhi with immediate effect.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

Meat of the matter

The call for food diversity comes up against one question: Is it right to eat certain kinds of food at all?



Mukund Padmanabhan

I FOUND MYSELF reading my friend Peter Ronald deSouza's essay ('The mutton mince dosa test', IE, September 15) with a mix of hearty appreciation and nagging disquiet. There is indeed, as he argues, a troubling link between food and fanaticism in India. He is right in saying our attitudes towards what we can and cannot eat have led to a "politics of othering". While there is much to be said for outrightly condemning violent beef vigilantes or exposing the irrationality of specific food taboos, it is somewhat simplistic to draw up an unreserved case for food diversity, leave alone suggest, as he does, that it is "a good index of a tolerant society."

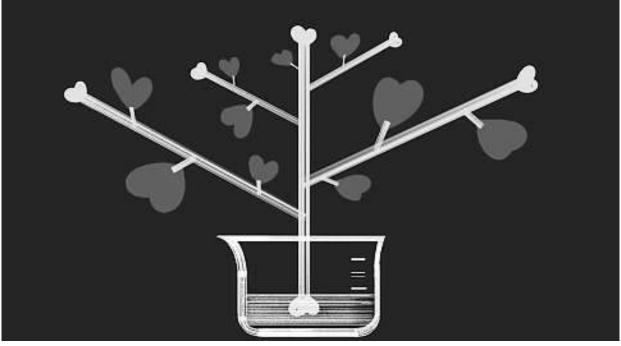
The argument that we must be tolerant about what others eat often involves making a conceptual leap from "descriptive relativism" (the empirical reality that our morality and our cultural practices are diverse) to "ethical relativism" (the theory, in its most extreme forms, that moral truths can be known or determined only within cultural contexts). One man's meat, as the saying goes, is another man's poison. And so, isn't it better to just leave it at that?

This kind of relativism is usually wellmeaning, being grounded in notions of plurality and tolerance. Attempts to contest it risk appearing narrow and illiberal. Taboo foods, after all, the main subject of deSouza's thought-provoking critique, tend to awaken deep-seated cultural prejudices, arouse feelings of revulsion. Surely, the point is to overcome this?

Yes, of course it is. Social discrimination on the basis of food choices is unacceptable. Even so, it is important to remember that at the high table of a true and thoroughgoing food libertarianism, as opposed to that populated with dishes catering to a moderate gastronomic adventurism, it is not enough to be seated (or share) such things as pork curries, beef frys, or mutton mince dosas. One would have to be fine with other more "unusual" dishes as well, such as raw monkey brain, rice wine infused with baby mice, dogs of various breeds, and sautéed tarantula. The people who consume them have as much a right to complain about food puritanism and othering as your everyday desi non-vegetarian.

Reading deSouza's call for food diversity (which is not quite the same thing as food fusion, which he also celebrates), I realised what nagged me was its deafening silence about one aspect of food ethics — is it right to eat certain kinds of food at all? It's time to make a disclosure here. For the last year-anda-half, I have gone from being an occasional non-vegetarian to a vegan. Almost vegan is much more accurate, as I have allowed myself to, on occasion, eat something with butter or ghee rather than risk offending a host and, much worse, cadged a bite or two of some milk-infused burfis. Moreover, as the former US President Jimmy Carter admitted in a different context, I have looked at nonvegetarian dishes nostalgically and lovingly, or been routinely disloyal in my mind.

What surprises me though, as a struggling and imperfect vegan, is how people react to veganism. Some believe it is a form of food puritanism, which it most definitely is



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not. Others dismiss it as a result of some passing woke trend, an attempt to be a food fashionista (as opposed to a deSouza-like "food fusionista"). Although there are some activists who have given veganism a bad name, very few appreciate that it could also be arrived at through deliberative philosophical inquiry into the ethics of food, its production and consumption. My so-called "conversion" occurred while reading and re-reading Peter Singer, the brilliant (and controversial) Australian philosopher now based at Princeton, as preparation for a couple of bioethics lectures to university students.

The monstrous cruelties that attend industrial factory farming, which author Yuval Noah Harari described as probably the worst crime in history, need no repetition here. But if you do not believe, as some religious texts have declared, that man was made in God's image and was placed to have dominion over every other living thing on earth, then it is worth at least considering the vegan case, particularly as we now live in a world where human survival and nourishment can sustain without animal slaughter on such a gigantic scale.

Vegetarians like to think they are more humane about their dietary choices, but they rarely consider what goes into the making of dairy products. What it usually means is a long and quick succession of pregnancies for cows and buffalos, their calves separated not so long after birth, and their milk diverted for human consumption. If the calf is female, then it is raised for another succession of economically-lucrative pregnancies. If it's a male, then it is usually quietly sent to the abattoir.

That the many millions who worship cows in this country choose to be either unaware or unfeeling about how they suffer on account of milk production is reflective of a larger truth. When it comes to thinking about how our food is produced, we would rather not know, or deal with our cognitive dissonances by suppressing what we do know. Allowing oneself to think critically and candidly about food may demand making challenging dietary changes. It is this kind of collective denial that results in activist campaigns, and even books, devoted to climate change failing to make even a passing reference to food. Our food system produces more greenhouse gases than most other sectors, including transportation, but we are more comfortable talking about limiting the size of cars than reducing the harm to cows or goats. Never mind also that methane, tonne for tonne, is about 30 times worse in its impact than carbon dioxide by some estimates.

The issue, of course, is not merely whether we are staking our future for the sake of sushi or hamburgers. It seems fair to ask whether animals, particularly those that have sentience (which Singer defines in terms of capacity to feel pleasure and pain) and have some notion of continuity (loosely, a sense of self-awareness over time) are worthy of moral consideration. One may think they don't, but at the very least, a case needs to be made out for this.

In an intellectual climate where prejudices on the basis of tribe, culture, nation, race, sex, and sexual preference have been rejected, Singer believes we are still struggling to overcome "speciesism", a bias in favour of one's own species over that of others. He argues, and disturbingly, that just like racists violate equality by privileging the interests of their own race and sexists violate equality by favouring their own sex, speciesists abuse the interests of members of other species. "The pattern," he says, "is identical in each case."

Such veganism is not founded on food puritanism. Neither is it grounded in taboo or irrational revulsion. For instance, some vegans allow themselves to eat bivalves such as clams and mussels because they lack brains as well as a central nervous system. It is important to contrast the philosophical literature on veganism with the narrow and reproachful attitude of many vegan activists, who rely only on moral messaging, fail to recognise their own imperfections, and get the backs of others up through campaigns that seem hostile and denigrating.

Like Singer, I look hopefully at the growth of plant-based meat alternatives (which may become cheaper with growing economies of scale) and the advances in the making of invitro meat (essentially lab-grown meat through the painless harvest of muscle tissue). It may be just the thing to relive the taste of the mutton mince dosa at the Delhi School of Economics canteen. Like my friend Peter deSouza, I remember it very fondly too.

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Making a choice in UP

Communities concerned about the model of governance implemented in the country need enlightened reappraisal of their options



Salman Khurshid

IN YOGI ADITYANATH'S world, ironically like Sophie's World, words mean something different from normal times. Munshi Premchand, who wrote the wonderful short story, Idgah, about a little boy who worried that his mother burnt her fingers in preparing roti for him and, therefore, spent his money on buying a pair of tongs instead of sweets like the other children, would have scarce imagined that abba jaan could be used as a pejorative term. But that is exactly what has happened. People using the term of respect for their fathers are labelled with those words to describe having taken more than their share of subsidised rations. Of course, not only is the allegation palpably untrue but it is clearly directed against Muslim families to cause provocation of hostility. On the other hand, Premchand's stories highlight the essential humanity of our experience.

People ask me what theme the Congress will project in the coming elections in UP. It must inevitably be to counter and defeat the coarseness and harshness of the ruling party ethos, the divisive tactics to polarise communities, the insensitivity towards the most vulnerable, the shameless repudiation of the idea of India. This we hope to do with the comforting touch of Premchand, imbued with the reality of human condition but committed to gently chiding the insensitive, and steering the unknowing towards happiness. People also naturally want to know if we have a CM face. Once again, our response is that we, of course, have a face but why for CM alone? Priyanka Gandhi Vadra has taken up the challenge of revitalising the party after its roller-coaster ride of 33 years out of power, but more than that to reverse UP's slide into a cauldron of human values where life has no price and welfare is all about the volume of votes it can garner.

The abba jaan clan are not the only ones to be attacked, as accidental Hindus suffer a similar fate. A universal religion is now sought to be made a monopoly of some, its profound inclusive principles that have been the backbone of Indian secularism twisted into an unrecognisable mass of anger, hate and violence. Yes, Hinduism is in danger but sadly from within. It is the duty of all who cherish the Hindu way of life as indeed those who celebrate the idea of equal space and dignity of all religions, to join the battle to protect faith. Since the adversaries of humanity have sought to divide Hindus and Muslims amongst others, it is the beholden duty of good Hindus and Muslims to come together and defeat the evil designs.

Some people say that the problem is that the bulk of Hindus have chosen to reject the secular project but that is a mistaken view given that the BJP (and their allies who do not all subscribe to the entire range of issues) got only one-third of the total vote in the last general election. There is thus space in the majority community, perhaps it would be correct to say, to support an alternative to the BJP. Whilst the Hindu, liberal and conser-

vative, will indeed play their part in the defence of India, it is important that the minority communities, particularly Muslims, too play a constructive role to unite the major sections of the non-BJP electorate instead of making myopic, temporary adjustments with entities that can acquire local pockets of power but in real terms are unable to, or are unwilling to, offer a nationwide alternative to PM Modi's new India. There is no gainsaying that Muslims along with Brahmins and Dalits formed the bulwark of Congress politics till the developments of the past 30 years changed the landscape. Recurring communal riots and the demolition of Babri Masjid contributed to the gradual attrition of vote with periodic reversal of the trend. The Sachar Committee was a far-reaching, visionary exercise but its ground impact was at best mixed. But even then, the BJP let loose a barrage of criticism that now raises its head afresh in the abba jaan affair.

In challenging the BJP dominance, no regional party can be expected to sacrifice its political and physical territory but enlightened adjustments will need to be made. But more than that, communities that feel concerned about the model of governance implemented in the country over the past decade, too, need enlightened reappraisal of their options. The "here and now" outcome approach has not given any satisfactory results thus far and is not likely to do any better in the future. Imagined or real disappointments with the Congress, combined with no questions about the empty words of other parties, is not the recipe to address the anguish and anxiety being felt by people due to the shortsighted or devious policies of the present government. The matter is complicated further because the slightest discussion on this score itself is dubbed appeasement and discrimination.

Debate and thorough discussion are the basis of democratic choice, but the concerned groups have to choose in silence because the very mention of a choice triggers outrage contrived to disturb rationality. Thus, the choice made helps the chooser less and the adversary more, an example of a political forced error. It seems that we all have to learn from the errors made and not continue to make them repeatedly by preoccupying ourselves with

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For a citizen's police

Police reforms remain on paper, people must demand accountability

Meeran Chadha Borwankar

SEPTEMBER 22 NEEDS to be celebrated as "Police Reforms Day" because of the Supreme Court's historic verdict on this day in 2006 in a writ petition by Prakash Singh and others. The three-judge bench consisting of Justices Y K Sabharwal, C K Thakker and P K Balasubramanyan studied the "distortions and aberrations" in the functioning of the police and had given seven significant directions. If implemented, they will be game-changers

for the citizens of India and the police. However, politicians and corrupt police officers together are obstructing the implementation of the reforms. The Sachin Waze-Param Bir Singh-Anil Deshmukh saga is a recent example of dangerous collusion. It is for ending such unholy nexuses that the SC had intervened to set law enforcement agencies free from the clutches of self-serving political leaders. To enable honest police officers to concentrate on their professional work of crime prevention, investigation and maintenance of public order, instead of being used and abused by those in power. One major cause for the tardy progress of police reforms is the lack of public awareness and sustained interest in law enforcement.

Citizens cry out loudly if there is a cruel rape, merciless murder or daylight robbery but later go into a slumber, which encourages political parties to maintain the status quo. The SC, therefore, took the lead to initiate reforms aiming at citizen-centric policing. It

mandated that all postings, from the officerin-charge of a police station to the head of the department, should be based on merit. Currently, closeness to the ruling party is the sole criterion. Police officers, therefore, are busy cultivating politicians instead of looking after the interests of citizens. To check this all-pervasive detrimental practice of "cherrypicking", the court had directed the formation of Establishment Boards for unbiased postings, transfers, promotions and other service-related matters regarding police officers. It involved the Union Public Service Commission for the selection of heads of state police forces. The court's insistence on fixed tenure to all operational heads is to give adequate time to police leaders to implement their policies. Otherwise, their tenures have been solely dependent on the pleasure or displeasure of the ruling party.

The creation of Security Commissions at the Centre and in states as directed by the court would ensure robust policy-making at both levels. It would also protect the police from unwarranted political pressures, enabling them to concentrate on core issues. The court has further sought a separation of law and order and crime investigation. It would reduce the workload of police officers. The 'Status of Police in India Report 2019' (SPIR) by Common Cause, Lokniti, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS) and

Tata Trusts found that "police personnel of

nearly all the states (are) excessively overworked, with average personnel working for 14 hours a day'

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Another police reform that is entirely in the interest of citizens is establishing "complaint authorities" at district and state levels. Such impartial and independent committees are meant to enquire into the allegations of police misconduct or harassment and provide succour to the community.

The seven major reforms aim to revamp law enforcement agencies, but the response from the states has been lukewarm. One can also discern deliberate sabotage by political parties as they tend to appoint their favourites to Establishment Boards and complaint authorities. Giving extensions to preferred officers who are on the verge of retirement to harass or silence dissent is also being resorted to. As a result, these bodies, even if created in some states, have failed to win the confidence of either police officers or citizens. And this is not peculiar to any one political party, all of them are united in their effort to "cage the parrot".

If police reforms are implemented in true earnestness, criminals like Vikas Dubey will not be allowed to kill police officers in uniform. Nor will felonious men go around raping women. Because officers leading police stations and districts, being men and women of merit, will act well in time to prevent such crime. If we want to ensure that criminals do not prowl fearlessly and wish to improve conviction rates, the merit of police officers should be the sole criterion for their appointment in police stations and above. And the Supreme Court has laboriously factored this

Presently, small-time criminals gradually become dons due to political patronage. Initially, they are used to threaten "inconvenient" persons. Gradually, they start their own extortion rackets or take to violence, adulteration or hoarding of essential commodities as local politicians successfully neutralise the police and other enforcement agencies. Entering into dubious land deals, real estate, hotel and restaurant businesses flushed with black money, they form dangerous criminal gangs. Giving protection to these illegal activities and collecting money from them enriches officers of different departments as well as politicians. It is a vicious cycle. And it is this politician-officer-criminal nexus that the SC tried to demolish in 2006.

It is in the interest of all of us to pursue police reforms vigorously and to hold Union and state governments accountable for their failure to do so. The Supreme Court has laid down a clear and cogent process for creating citizen-centric police. The onus of getting it implemented is entirely on us.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Kafkaesque

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'State of suspicion' (IE, September 21). The recent order in Kashmir authorising close surveillance of government employees is yet another instance of the state's heavy-handedness. Besides enabling thought-policing, which is contrary to the spirit of democracy, it also smacks of deep distrust. The potential for misuse in the hands of an authoritarian government cannot be ignored. Combating militancy in the Valley requires a well-considered and meticulous plan. Such repressive tactics, however, would further discontent and should be rescinded.

Ila Railkar, Mumbai

A MASTERSTROKE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Channi's challenge' (IE, September 20). The Indian National Congress has delivered a masterstroke that can turn the tables for the Vidhan Sabha elections in 2022. Picking Charanjit Singh Channi as the state's first Dalit Chief Minister has given INC the first mover's advantage in the nick of time, as its state party leadership was fragmenting. However, Channi needs to put on the greatest show of administration in less than a year's time as the main opposition parties like BSP, AAP and BJP are promising a Dalit chief minister candidate in 2022 as well.

Ankita Sharma, Panchkula

NOT BY RELIGION

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'An inconvenient truth' (IE, September 18). The Indian subcontinent is no stranger to the tribulations inflicted on it by scores of foreigners, albeit not from any one particular religion or region. For instance, when we see a Muslim,

Mahmud Ghazni from Afghanistan, plundering our motherland, we also see a Catholic Alexander from Europe vying to do the same, a Genghiz Khan from Mongolia (not a Muslim, even if his last name might suggest so), whose attempt was warded off by Alauddin Khilji, while not forgetting the British who marauded us most rapaciously of all. Thus, conflating the invasions with religion will serve only to drive further schisms into society. What is needed perhaps, is a Truth and Reconciliation Commission like the one established in South Africa in 1995 to uncover the truths about human rights violations committed during the apartheid regime. This approach is far more humane than retribution. It requires a contrite and conscious acknowledgement of the fact that whatever grotesque injustice happened in the past was wrong, notwithstanding the religious affiliations of the victims, and that it never be repeated again. Looking forward is the only way to make our great nation pace ahead.

Vinay Saroha, Delhi

AUKUS BOOST

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Feud among friends' (IE, September 21). Not withstanding French anger at AUKUS, availability of eight nuclear powered submarines in Indo-Pacific is a big security bonus for India. China will be now forced to reorient its focus entirely on this region and the Taiwan straits, which will open up more options for India along the LAC. The US has calculated that a suitable commercial package to French defence industry in near future will douse their anger. Polite diplomatic noise will serve India's interests best in this feud among friends. H N Bhagwat, Chiplun

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What the poll

results mean

for Trudeau

CHANGES TWITTER BIO IN APPARENT JIBE AT CRITICS

SALVADORAN PRESIDENT JOKES HE IS 'DICTATOR'

Biden declares world at

'inflection point', says US

not seeking new Cold War

El Salvador's President Nayib Bukele, an often provocative user of social media, has changed his Twitter profile to read 'Dictator of El Salvador', in what appears to be a bid to mock critics who accuse him of having autocratic tendencies. The office of Bukele, who opinion polls show is one of the most popular leaders in the Americas, did not reply to a request for comment.



Prince Andrew

UNITED STATES Prince Andrew served sexual assault lawsuit

New York: Britain's Prince Andrew has been served with a sexual assault lawsuit in the United States by lawyers for a woman who says she was forced to have sex with him at the London home of a friend of convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein, court papers show. In a filing with the US District Court in Manhattan, lawyers for Virginia Giuffre said they sent the civil lawsuit to the prince's Los Angelesbased lawyer by email and FedEx. Under federal rules, the Duke of York has 21 days to respond or could face a default judgment. Giuffre's lawyers previously said they also served Andrew, who is Queen Elizabeth's second son, in Britain. REUTERS

SUDAN

Govt says coup thwarted, points to ex-president

Khartoum: Sudanese authorities said they had foiled an attempted coup on Tuesday, accusing loyalists of ousted president Omar al-Bashir of trying to reverse the revolution that removed him from power in 2019 and ushered in a transition to democracy. In a brief statement on state TV, the army said the situation was under control. The streets of the capital Khartoum appeared calm, with people moving around as usual and no unusual deployments of security forces, a witness said.

PAKISTAN

9 killed, 6 injured after clash at jirga meeting

Peshawar: At least nine

people have died, includ-

ing two local council

members, and six others

injured after two groups

opened fire and clashed during a jirga meeting in northwest Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, officials said on Tuesday. The jirga meeting - a traditional assembly of village elders which settles disputes based on teachings of Pashtunwali was being held in Veraval Bandagai village of upper Dir district on Monday evening, officials said. The dispute was over land and construction of a feeder road, they

WORLD Trudeau set to remain PM but falls short of majority

17 Indian-origin leaders among winners as Canadians criticise cost of election

AGENCIES

OTTAWA, SEPTEMBER 21

PRIME MINISTER Justin Trudeau's political gamble failed to pay off Monday when Canadian voters returned him to office but denied him the expanded bloc of power he had been seeking in Parliament.

Unofficial election results on Monday indicated that while he would remain as prime minister, it would again be as the head of a minority government.

Many Canadians ventedtheir fury at the C\$612 million (\$477.60 million) cost of the election. Waste of money' trended on social media as voters questioned the time and expense involved. Elections Canada, which runs the vote, projected that it cost C\$110 million more than the 2019 election.

The vote also happened as the Liberals have run up a record national debt of C\$1 trillion (\$785 billion) to manage the pandemic and pushed budget deficits to highs not seen since World War II.

In August, with his approval ratings high, Trudeau called a "snap election," summoning voters to the polls two years before he had to. The goal, he said, was to obtain a strong mandate for his Liberal Party to lead the nation out of the pandemic and into recovery.

But the announcement was not well received by many Canadians. Alarm that the government was holding an election when it did not have to, even as the Delta variant was straining



Justin Trudeau with his wife Sophie Gregoire and their children Ella-Grace and Xavier in Montreal. Reuters

hospitals in some areas, never abated for many voters during the 36-day campaign.

Many Canadians suspected that his true ambitions were mere political opportunism, and that he was trying to regain the parliamentary majority the Liberals had until they lost seats in the 2019 election. And Trudeau's opponents were quick to characterize his move as a reckless power grab. Erin O'Toole, the Conservative leader, went so far as to call it "un-Canadian".

Whatever his motive, it did not work.

With some votes still being cast or uncounted, the preliminary results were a near repeat of the previous vote. The Liberal Party won 156 seats on Monday — one fewer than it acquired in 2019 — while its main rival, the Conservative Party, won 121

Quakes, Lava Threaten Spain Island

Several small earthquakes shook the Spanish island of La Palma on Tuesday. Officials said a

river of lava was bearing down on the neighbourhood of Todoque, where more than 1,000

people live. About 6,000 people have been evacuated so far, officials said. La Palma, with a

France rallies EU as trust in

US, UK and Australia wanes

the security implications of the

deal, known as AUKUS, at a

meeting with his counterparts

will see Australia cancel a multi-

billion-dollar contract to buy

diesel-electric French sub-

marines and acquire US nuclear-

powered vessels instead. The

French government is suggest-

ing it was betrayed by the deal,

which comes in the run-up to

Beaune told reporters. "When

"It's a matter of trust,"

elections in France in April.

The Indo-Pacific security pact

population of some 85,000 people, is part of the volcanic Canary Islands. AP/PTI

in Brussels

seats, the same as before.

In his victory speech early Tuesday, Trudeau acknowledged the unpopularity of his call for a snap election.

"You don't want us talking about politics or elections anymore; you want us to focus on the work that we have to do for you," he told a partisan crowd in Montreal. "You just want to get back to the things you love, not worry about this pandemic, or about an election.

In the end, Mr. Trudeau not only failed to secure a majority in Parliament, according to unofficial results, he may have also squandered the good will he had gained as he led his nation through the coronavirus crisis.

Experts said it is unclear how long any Liberal minority government will be able to hold together and what this will all

ernment vulnerable to being overturned by Parliament.

THE OUTCOME of the

pass any laws, he will

polls leave Justin Trudeau

in a familiar situation - to

have to win members of

the opposition over to his

ory, his party's shaky grip

side. And, at least in the-

on power leaves his gov-

mean for the party's leader. **ENS ADDS:** Seventeen Indo-Canadians, mainly of Punjabi origin, emerged victorious in the elections. There were a total of 49 members of the community in the frav this year.

Three current ministers – Harjit Sajjan, Anita Anand and Bardish Chagger - and NDP chief Jagmeet Singh were among those who won the polls.

Jagmeet, who won by almost 40 per cent of the vote share from Burnaby South, congratulated Trudeau and said. "I want to say that Canadians know that you can count on the New Democrats to continue fighting for you..."

Meanwhile Sajjan was reelected despite the cloud of misconduct allegations hanging over the Canadian Forces and the government's handling of the situation in Afghanistan.

CIA officer suffers Havana syndrome on India trip: reports

REUTERS

WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 21

A CIA officer who was traveling with agency director William Burns to India this month reported symptoms consistent with Havana syndrome, CNN and the New York Times reported on Monday.

The victim, who was identified, had to receive medical attention, CNN reported, citing unnamed sources.

Some 200 US officials and family members have been sickened by Havana syndrome, a mysterious set of ailments that include migraines, nausea, memory lapses and dizziness. It was first reported by officials based in the US embassy in Cuba in 2016.

A CIA spokesperson said in a statement to Reuters the agency does not comment on specific incidents or officers. "We have protocols in place for when individuals report possible anomalous health incidents that include receiving appropriate medical treatment," the spokesperson said.

Burns said in July he had tapped a senior officer who once led the hunt for Osama bin Laden to head a task force investigating the syndrome.

Burns has said there is a "very strong possibility" that the syndrome is intentionally caused and that Russia could be responsible.

AGENCIES UNITED NATIONS, SEPT 21 PRESIDENT JOE Biden used his first address before the UN General Assembly on Tuesday to declare that the world stands and at an "inflection point in his-

tory" and must move quickly

and cooperatively to address the

festering issues of the Covid-19

pandemic, climate change and

usual audience of his peers because of the still-raging Covid-19

pandemic, Biden insisted that

the United States and its Western

allies would remain vital part-

ners, saying, "No matter how

challenging or how complex the

problems we're going to face,

government by and for the peo-

ple is still the best way to deliver

the use of force "our tool of last

resort, not our first," he defended

his decision to end the US war in

Afghanistan, a chaotic with-

drawal of American troops that

concerns cannot be solved or

even addressed by the force of

defend against Covid-19 or its fu-

sion to end America's longest war

in Afghanistan, and set the table

for his administration to shift US

attention to intensive diplomacy

with no shortage of crises facing

the globe. He said he is driven by

a belief that "to deliver for our

own people, we must also en-

gage deeply with the rest of the

conflict in Afghanistan," Biden

said. "And as we close this period

of relentless war, we're opening

a new era of relentless diplo-

macy of using the power of our

"We've ended 20 years of

"Today, many of our greatest

"Bombs and bullets cannot

The president noted his deci-

Calling for the world to make

for all of our people.'

left allies blindsided.

arms," he said.

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Speaking to a smaller than

human rights abuse.

US President Joe Biden Reuters

development aid to invest in new ways of lifting people up around the world.'

Biden's familiar refrain that the world must choose between democracy and autocracy looks different now that the Taliban are once again in control of Kabul, reversing many of the democratic gains of the past 20 years. Covid is resurging in much of the world. And the French just recalled their ambassador in outrage - not just over losing a \$60 billion-plus submarine contract, but because it was made clear they are not in the inner circle of allies.

He said the world faced a choice between the democratic values espoused by the West and the disregard for them by China and other authoritarian governments. "The future belongs to those who give their people the ability to breathe free, not those who seek to suffocate their people with an iron hand authoritarianism," Biden said.

"The authoritarians of the world, they seek to proclaim the end of the age of democracy, but they're wrong."

But amid growing China tensions Biden also declared the US is "not seeking a new Cold War." Without mentioning China

directly. Biden acknowledged in-

creasing concerns about rising

WORLD NEVER BEEN MORE THREATENED OR DIVIDED: UN CHIEF

United Nations: The world has never been more threatened or more divided, and is facing the "greatest cascade" of crises, UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres told global leaders on Tuesday, sounding an alarm over the pandemic, a climate crisis pummeling the planet and an upheaval in Afghanistan and other nations that is thwarting peace.

Guterres, in his address to the opening of the General Debate of the 76th Session of the General Assembly, said, "I am here to sound the alarm: The world must wake up. We are on the edge of an abyss and moving in the wrong direction. Our world has never been more threatened. Or more divided. We face the greatest cascade of crises in our lifetimes."

tions. But he said, "We are not seeking a new Cold War or a world divided into rigid blocs."

Speaking about climate change, Biden said, "This year has also brought widespread death and devastation from the borderless climate crisis... Extreme weather events that we've seen in every part of the world - and you all know it and feel it - represent what the secretary general has rightly called Code Red for humanity.'

On Covid, Mr. Biden urged leaders to move more quickly to rein in a pandemic that has killed millions. "We need a collective act of science and political will," he said. "We need to act now to get shots in arms as fast as possible, and expand access to oxygen, tests, treatments, to save

Taliban expands Afghanistan cabinet, fails to appoint women

KATHY GANNON

THE TALIBAN expanded their in-

terim Cabinet by naming more ministers and deputies Tuesday, but failed to appoint any women, doubling down on a hard-line course despite the international outcry that followed their initial presentation of an all-male government lineup.

At a news conference, Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid held out the possibility of adding women to the Cabinet at a later time, but gave no specifics. He also said the Taliban are preparing rules for allowing teenage girls and women to return to schools and jobs in line with Islamic law, but did not say when that might happen.

Mujahid defended the latest additions to the Cabinet, saying they included members of ethnic minorities, such as the Hazaras. He said the deputies were chosen for their technical skills.

The Taliban have framed their current Cabinet as an interim government, suggesting that change is still possible, but have not said

After Afghans fell from plane, families live with horror



Taliban fighters in Kabul sit in front of a mural depicting a woman behind barbed wires. AP

if there would ever be elections. Mujahid was also asked about the recent decision to not allow girls in grades 7 to 12 to return to classrooms. Mujahid said this was a temporary decision, and that 'soon it will be announced when they can go to school."

At the moment, girls in grades one to six are allowed to go to school, and women in universities can pursue their studies, but only in gender-segregated settings and while complying with an Islamic Lack of inclusive govt may lead to civil war: Imran Islamahad: Pakistan Prime

Minister Imran Khan on Tuesday called on the Taliban to form an inclusive government in Afghanistan, warning that a failure to do so could see the neighbouring country descend into civil war and turn into an "ideal place" for terrorists. Khan also said that prevent-

ing women from accessing education in Afghanistan would be

hours imagining his son's final

minutes, the fear he must have

felt as the earth below him be-

gan to disappear and the wheels

swung in, knowing he had no

Another victim was 17-year-

old Zaki Anwari, a rising star on

Afghanistan's national soccer

team. He was too young to have

choice but to let go.

EU court says Russia was behind assassination of Litvinenko in UK

LORNE COOK

Britain.

BRUSSELS, SEPTEMBER 21

FRANCE ON Tuesday urged its

European Union partners to con-

sider whether to delay negotia-

tions on the bloc's future trade

agreement with Australia over

what Paris says is a lack of trust

sparked by a major defense deal

between the US, Australia and

Minister Clement Beaune said he

would raise the trade pact and

French European Affairs

REUTERS

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 21

THE EUROPEAN Court of Human Rights found on Tuesday that Russia was responsible for the assassination of ex-KGB officer Alexander Litvinenko, who died an agonising death in 2006 after being poisoned in London with a rare radioactive substance.

Litvinenko, a defector who had become a vocal critic of the Kremlin, died three weeks after drinking green tea laced with

polonium-210 at a London hotel. Britain has long blamed the attack on Moscow, and the European court in Strasbourg agreed, saying "Mr Litvinenko's assassination was imputable to Russia", its statement said.



Former KGB officer Alexander Litvinenko

his deathbed, From Litvinenko had told detectives he believed President Vladimir Putin – a former KGB spy who went on to head the contemporary FSB before rising to become Russia's leader — had directly or-

dered his killing. The use of a rare radioactive isotope on the streets of London plunged Western mistrust of the Kremlin to what was then a post-Cold War low, Moscow and the men Britain accused of carrying out the murder have always denied any involvement.

UK charges another Russian for nerve attack on double agent

London: British police said Tuesday they are charging a third Russian suspect in the 2018 nerve agent attack on a former Russian agent in England.

Scotland Yard said prosecutors believe there is sufficient evidence to charge Denis Sergeev.

Former Russian spy Sergei Skripal and his daughter, Yulia, were targeted in a nerve agent attack in March 2018 in the English city of Salisbury that British authorities said had almost certainly approved been "at a senior level of the Russian state." Moscow has vehemently denied the allegations.

ASSOCIATED PRESS KABUL. SEPTEMBER 21

you have your word, it has some

value between allies, between

democracies, between partners

and in this case this word was

not respected... so of course it

Asked whether France would

call a halt to the trade talks with

Australia, which have been un-

derway since 2018, Beaune said

"that is among the points that

the crisis straining UK-EU rela-

tions since Britain left the bloc is

For France and its partners,

we must discuss together."

also a question of trust.

creates a breach of trust."

IT'S A scene that has come to symbolize the chaotic end to America's 20 years of war in Afghanistan: A lumbering U.S. Air Force cargo plane takes off from Kabul airport, chased by hundreds of desperate Afghan men scrambling to get on the aircraft. As the C-17 transporter gains

altitude, shaky mobile phone video captures two tiny dots dropping from the plane. Footage from another angle shows many in the crowd on the tarmac stopping in their tracks and pointing.

The full extent of the horror becomes apparent only later. The dots, it turns out, were desperate Afghans hidden in the wheel well. As the wheels folded



Crowds outside the Kabul airport on August 25. Reuters file

what happened in that tragic into the body of the plane, the stowaways faced the choice of takeoff on August 16. The U.S. military says it has being crushed to death or letting go and plunging to the ground.

not completed its investigation More than a month later, into the day. It said the C-17 was much remains unclear about bringing in supplies for the evacwas mobbed by Afghans on the tarmac as it landed. Fearing the plane would be overwhelmed, the crew decided to take off again without unloading the cargo.

uation effort at the airport but

One of those tucked into the vheel well was Fida Mohammad, a 24-year-old dentist. He had married last year in an extravagant ceremony that cost his family \$13,000. His dream of opening a dental clinic in Kabul had become a reality.

Then the Taliban seized Kabul, and all the possibilities for his future seemed to disappear, his father Painda Mohammed told The Associated Press.

The older man still struggles to understand what his son was thinking when he climbed into the wheel well.

Burying his head in his hands, Painda says he spends

New Delhi

known the Taliban's harsh rule of the late 1990s. But as the militant force swept through the provinces, Zaki's social media were flooded by rumors and horror stories purporting to tell of life under the Taliban.

young dentist's father, watches over and over videos on his phone showing his son dancing at his wedding. Through his tears, he said,

Painda Mohammad, the

"He was a gift from God and now God has taken him back."

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BANKING WATCH **SBI REPORT**

'Real returns negative, need review of tax on bank deposits'

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 21

WITH THE real rate of return on bank deposits remaining negative "for a considerable period of time", it's time to revisit the taxation of interest on bank deposits, State Bank of India said in a research report.

Arguing for more sops to depositors, the SBI report said the threshold of exemption for senior citizens should be reviewed. "The RBI can relook at the regulation that does not allow interest rates of banks to be determined as per age-wise demographics," it said. The interest income from bank fixed deposits is subject to TDS (tax deducted at source) at 10 per cent but can be deducted at 20 percent if PAN is not furnished. Banks deduct TDS on interest paid on fixed deposits when interest income exceeds Rs 40,000 (Rs 50,000 for senior citizens) in any given financial year. So, if the depositor is in highest tax bracket of 30 per cent, merely paying TDS of 10 per cent will not be enough. Retail inflation is above 5 per cent while one-year term deposit gets less than 5 per cent interest rate, giving negative re-

turns on deposits. The total number of depositors in the banking system is around 207 crore and the number of creditors is at 27 crores. The total bank deposits at Rs 151 lakh crore constitute Rs 102 lakh crore of retail deposits, including that of senior citizens. "Clearly, real rate of return on bank deposits has been negative for a sizeable period



CURRENTLY, RETAIL inflation is above five per cent while one year term deposit gets less than five per cent interest rate, giving negative returns on deposits.

of time and with RBI making it abundantly clear that supporting growth is the primary goal, the low banking rate of interest is unlikely to make a north bound movement anytime soon as liquidity continues to be plentiful," said the report authored by Soumya Kanti Ghosh, group chief economic adviser, SBI.

The negative return from bank deposits could be one of the reasons for households to divert funds to the stock markets for more returns, "This (negative returns on deposits) implies that the current bull run in financial markets is possibly a break from the past as households may have got into the bandwagon of self-fulfilling prophecy of a decent return on their investment," the report said.

According to the SBI report, in banking sector's total term deposits, contribution by 40 million plus senior citizens, who remain much dependent on accrued interest income for meeting most of their fixed expenditure needs, hovers around 20 per cent.

Full report on www.indianexpress.com

REJECTS AIRLINE PROPOSAL TO CLEAR DUES IN INSTALMENTS **Netflix CEO in**

Excise dept asks SpiceJet to pay 'GST dues' of ₹285 cr to Haryana

KHUSHBOO NARAYAN MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 21

THE EXCISE and Taxation Department of Haryana has asked SpiceJet Ltd to clear Goods and Services Tax dues of Rs 285.86 crore after rejecting the airline's proposal to clear its admitted dues in instalments, as per a September 10 order of the tax authority.

According to the order, SpiceJet owes Rs 163.22 crore in forward charge liability and a reverse charge liability of Rs 122.64 crore from 2019-20 till September 7, 2021, to the Haryana government. In an email response to queries,

the spokesperson for SpiceJet said, "The GST outstanding amount mentioned in your query is completely wrong and baseless. The outstanding amount, as has been widely reported in the media, is Rs 80 crore. The outstanding amount is mainly under reverse charge mechanism and not something which the company has collected and not paid and your query on that count is completely wrong and we strongly deny it.'

The airline said the excise department has issued a recovery notice of Rs 87 crore and the company has deposited Rs 9 crore with the department.



The tax authority issued the order on September 10. File

The company said the High Court had observed that SpiceJet's plea for paying dues in instalments is a fair one since the operations were curtailed due to Covid pandemic. "The matter is pending adjudication before the court.It should be noted that SpiceJet has already progressed on the payment of GST liabilities as per the plan submitted by the company demonstrating its bonafide," the airline added.

In July, the tax authority issued a notice to SpiceJet, asking it to clear its dues. However, the airline approached the Punjab and Haryana High Court with a plea to quash the tax notice and allow them to clear dues in instalments.

On August 17, the High Court passed an order, asking the Excise Department to hear the repayment proposal of the airline and pass a speaking order in the case within two weeks of receiving the certified copy of the High Court ruling. Subsequently, the tax authority allowed personal hearings to the airline on August 31 and September 7 and three days later, on September 10, the tax agency turned down the payment proposal of SpiceJet.

The tax order said SpiceJet, in its representation to the Department on September 7, proposed to "discharge the total estimated liability of Rs 285.86 crore up to September 2021, which includes reverse charge liability of Rs 122.64 crore and forward charge liability of Rs 163.22 crore".

The tax order added that of the Rs 163.33 crore forward charge liability admitted by SpiceJet, the company has declared only Rs

"I find that the liability of Rs 34.69 crore has been collected but not declared by the applicant in Form GSTR -1," said the order.

The order added, "I find that the power to pay in instalments is provided under Section 80 of the HGST (Haryana GST) Act, 2017 ... On a close reading of the said Section, it is clear that the Section does not enable the payment of tax liability in instalments in cases where the tax liability is due as per the liability declared by the taxpayer in any return. Herein, I find that the applicant has self assessed and declared an amount of Rs 128.53 crore in the form GSTR-1 ... but the same has not been discharged either through cash or input tax credit in Form GSTR-3.Therefore, I find that I have no statutory power under HGST Act, 2017 to provide for instalments

for such amount.' The order said the bank guarantee offered by SpiceJet under the repayment proposal is not "an adequate collateral or guarantee in the event of default".

Under the HGST norms, extension of time for payment of taxes is allowed only for liabilities that have not been self-assessed by the taxpayer in any tax returns.

AFTER WITNESSING TWO WAVES OF THE PANDEMIC, INDIA

NETFLIX CHAIRMAN and CEO Reed Hastings, who is currently

visiting India, met with Minister of Information & Broadcasting Anurag Thakur and other senior government officials on Tuesday. According to government sources, the newly implemented Information Technology Rules were among the subjects that came up for discussion.

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

"Good discussion with Mr Reed Hastings (Co-Founder & CEO Netflix). Today consumers of content are traveling the world through stories; India offers a variety of opportunities and ideas - in multiple languages. I presented the Bhagwat Gita to Mr Hastings," Thakur posted on Instagram. The Information Technology

(Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021, for the first time have taken digital media and over the top platforms such as Netflix, Hotstar, and Amazon Prime under its ambit. These rules have laid out a threetier regulatory mechanism with an inter-ministerial committee comprising Central government secretaries at the top. In the first tier, the platforms are required to appoint an internal compliance officer that would decide on a complaint against content published by the platform. The second ties calls for associations set up by such platforms to form an oversight body. A complainant dissatisfied with the first tier ruling may approach such a body.

Hastings' visit to India has come just months after Netflix an-



Netflix Chairman and CEO Reed Hastings with I&B Minister Anurag Thakur. via @ianuragthakur Twitter handle

nounced that its first "fully owned, live-action, full-service post-production facility" in the world will be opened in Mumbai by next year. "To be fully operational by June 2022, the facility will have 40 offline editing rooms designed as a flexible, collaborative and inspiringenvironment for showrunners, directors, editors and sound designers to create their best work.' Netflix had said.

The online video streaming company based in Los Gatos, California, has invested Rs 3,000 $crore\,in\,Indian\,programming\,over$ 2019 and 2020, and this March it announced a slate of 41 new titles. "We launched NetFX last year, a platform that enables multiple Indian artists to work on VFX (visual effects) for titles globally. We are investing in the latest technologies and skill development through multiple certifications and training workshops in postproduction, script writing and other aspects of creative produc-

'Consumption revival on track, discretionary spending rises' Indians are slowly making their way back to the office and

is witnessing a consumption revival in the country with spending intent shifting towards more discretionary items, according to a report by Deloitte



IS "CAUTIOUSLY RETURNING" TO A STATE OF "BUSINESS AS USUAL", SAID THE DELOITTE'S GLOBAL STATE OF **CONSUMER TRACKER**

Decreasing number

of COVID-19 cases as well as an aggressive vaccination drive have brought in a new wave of confidence amongst Indian consumers

The findings of the report reflect that the Indian consumer is "ready to spend more on discretionary items, feels safe about returning to work place,

Indian consumer is less hesitant about in-person events and activities

Easing of curbs, along with an accelerated vaccination drive, has fuelled positive sentiment

With robust vaccination. Indians are slowly returning to the workplace

Source: Deloitte/PTI

For safety, govt amends ammonium nitrate rules Oxygen production **ENSECONOMIC BUREAU**

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

MINDFUL OF the explosion in Beirut, Lebanon, in August last year that led to the deaths of over 200 people, the government has amended rules for storage and handling of ammonium nitrate to improve public safety, including requiring fire

The rules require that ammonium nitrate received at ports be transferred to storage houses 500 metres beyond the port area.

The rules also permit the auction of seized lots of ammonium nitrate to ensure safe and speedy disposal besides requiring that Ammonium Nitrate be imported in bagged form only.

capacity enhanced Production capacity for liquid

oxygen, which was found to be in short supply in various hospitals during the second wave of Covid, had increased to about 8,000 tonnes per day from about 6,000 tonnes per day last year, according to senior government officials. Additional Secretary in the

Industry and Internal Trade Sumita Dawra said the supply of medical oxygen was enhanced almost 10 times – from about 1.000 tonnes per day in December 2019 to a peak of 9,600 tonnes per day in May. Demand for medical oxygen also peaked in May at around 8,900 tonnes per day, according to government figures.

themselves via Aadhaar or other eligible documents stored in Digilocker. PTI

SIM at doorsteps

sued an order that enables

customers to apply for a new

mobile connection online

and get the SIM delivered at

doorstep after verifying

E-comm rules New Delhi: The Finance Ministry has described some proposals of the plan to tighten rules on e-commerce market as "excessive" and "without economic rationale", memos seen by Reuters show. The Finance Ministry didn't respond to requests for

Sebi. RIL

comment, **REUTERS**

New Delhi: Sebi disposed of adjudication proceedings without imposing fine on RIL.

Maruti cars New Delhi: Maruti Suzuki

India will keep developing cars with great fuel efficiency, said senior executive director (sales and marketing) Shashank Srivastava. **PTI**

AP conclave

New Delhi: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy on Tuesday launched a two-day 'Vanijya Utsav-2021' to boost trade and exports in the state.

AIMA award



New Delhi: All India Management Association (AIMA) has bestowed the Business Leader of the year award to Saniiy Goenka, chairman, RP Sanjiv Goenka Group. ENS

Adani Group to invest \$20 bn in green energy over 10 years

New Delhi: Adani Group will invest \$20 billion in renewable energy over 10 years and will aim to make its ports business a net-zero carbon emitter by 2025, chairman Gautam Adani said Tuesday.

He told a JPMorgan India investor summit the money would be invested across the group's renewable energy generation. "This also opens up several

new pathways for us including setting us up to be one of the largest green hydrogen producers in the world," Adani said. The group will triple its renewable power generation capacity to 63 per cent of its total portfolio from 21 per cent currently, Adani said. REUTERS

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SHANGHAI, SEPTEMBER 21

LURED BY the promise of yields

approaching 12 per cent, gifts such

as Dyson air purifiers and Gucci

bags, and the guarantee of China's

top-selling developer, tens of thou-

sands of investors bought wealth

management products through

never get their investments back

after the cash-strapped property

developer recently stopped repay-

ing some investors and set off

global alarm bells. Some have been

protesting at Evergrande offices,

refusing to accept the company's

plan to provide payment with dis-

counted apartments, offices, stores

Ratings downgraded Sinic

Holdings to 'CCC+' on Tuesday, cit-

ing the developer's failure "to com-

municate a clear repayment plan."

Meanwhile, S&P Global

and parking units.

Now, many fear they may

China Evergrande Group.

Evergrande wooed

investors with Gucci

bags, Dyson appliances

'Not part of IBC': NCLAT questions success fee for RPs

KARUNJITSINGH NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

THE NATIONAL Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) has raised doubts over the legality of success fees paid to resolution professionals upon the completion of a successful corporate resolution under the Insolvency and

Bankruptcy Code (IBC). Resolution Professionals (RPs) and agencies hired by them to assist in management of resolution proceedings in some cases charge success fees contingent on a successful resolution for the company as part of their payment structure instead of higher upfront monthly fees. According to experts, these

Evergrande's headquarters

Global markets calm

in Shenzhen, China. Reuters file

World stock markets edged

back on Tuesday while the US dol-

lar held relatively steady a day af-

ter heavy selling in equities, as in-

vestors assessed the level of

contagion stemming from the dis-

tress of Evergrande. On Wall Street,

the Dow Jones Industrial Average

rose 128.56 points, or 0.38 percent,

to 34.099.03 and the S&P 500

gained 13.23 points, or 0.30 per

cent, to 4,370.96 in afternoon trade.

As per experts, these fees can range from 0.1-1% of total recoveries based on the assets of the corporate debtor

fees can range from 0.1 per cent to 1 per cent of total recoveries based on assets of the corporate debtor.

"... we hold that 'success fees' which is more in the nature of contingency and speculative is not part of the provisions of the IBC and the Regulations and the same is not chargeable," the NCLAT held in a judgment on Monday. The NCLAT upheld an order by the NCLT to disallow the payment of

Eye on US

Fed meet,

recovery

INTRA-DAY

59,200

58,800

58,400

58,000

Sensex stages

59,005.27-

Close

58,630.06

Open

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU

AFTER TWO days of sharp correc-

tion, indices witnessed a sharp

pull-back rally to reverse the falling

trend. The benchmark Sensex

which fell 525 points on Monday,

bounced back by 514 points to

59,005.27 and the NSE Nifty index

The rupee recovered by 13

paise to close at 73.61 against the

rallied 165 points to 17,562.00.

US dollar.

MUMBAI. SEPTEMBER 21

success fees to the Resolution Professional of Ariisto Developers Pvt Ltd (ADPL) noting particularly that even if success fee is to be chargeable, the introduction and approval of success fee at the time of approval as was done in by the creditors of ADPL was "improper and incorrect."

Experts said that success fees offered a valuable payment option to creditors. Anoop Rawat, partner at Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas and Co said success fees were a great way in which creditors could get services of quality experts without having to pay very high monthly fees for a process which may drag on without a successful resolution for a long period of time.

sells 3.4% in **SBI Cards** for ₹3,267 cr New Delhi: CA Rover Holdings, part

Carlyle arm

of the Carlyle Group, on Tuesday sold 3.4 per cent stake in SBI Cards and Payment Services Ltd for Rs 3,267 crore through open market transactions. According to bulk deal data

available with the NSE, the private equity firm sold a total of 3.2 crore shares, amounting to 3.4 per cent stake. The shares were sold at an average price of Rs 1,021.05, valuing the transaction at Rs 3,267 crore, the data showed.

Meanwhile, Societe Generale purchased 85.06 lakh shares of the credit card issuer. ENS

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Email:- mktgco.rsmml@rajasthan.gov.in, rsmmlphosphate@gmail.com SMM/CO/MKT/2021-22/259 Date-20,09,202 EOI for disposal of Tailing from Jhamarkotra Mines, Udaipur Rajasthan.

Corrigendum no RSMM/CO/MKT/2021-22/251 dated 15.09.2021 has been issued with reference to EOI no RSMM/CO/MKT/2021-22/227 dated 01.09.2021. The last date for submission of bids under aforementioned EOI has beer extended to 30.09.2021. Interested parties may visit our web site www.rsmm.com for details and submit their proposal to the

GGM (Centralized Marketing)



Sugar Candy, Cardamom, Butter Paper Bag, Pure Ghee, BOP Tape, Easy Open Lids in connection with the festival period 1197 ME (2021-2022) of Sree Dharmasastha Temple, Sabarimala.

E-Tender Closing Date : 28-09-2021 - 05.00 PM E-Tender Opening Date: 30-09-2021 - 11.00 AM Venue : Sumangali Kalyana Mandapam,

Nanthancode, Thiruvananthapuram - 695 003 Detailed e-tender notifications and special instructions to the bidders are available on www.travancoredevaswomboard.org For the submission of tender visit the website www.etenders.kerala.gov.in

Travancore Devaswom Board Compound,

ROC NO : 4/21/Sab Dated : 20-09-2021

TAMIL NADU GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION
E-TENDER NOTICE: TANGEDCO/SHORT/ PP-14/2021

TANGEDCO invites E-Tender for procurement of 500 MW RTC power (00:00 to 24:00 hrs) and 600 MW power from 17:00 to 22:00 hrs for the period from 6th October 2021 to 31th October 2021 Bidding will be done as per the revised guidelines for short term procurement of power notified by the Ministry of Power vide resolution dated 30.03.2016, through e-Bidding portal (DEEP) only. The link for the e-Bidding portal is www.mstcecommerce.com and is also available on link for the e-Bidding portal is www.mstcecommerce.com, and is also available o the website of Ministry of Power (www.powermin.nic.in) and PFC Consulting Lt (www.pfcclindia.com). Specification is available in TANGÉDCO website and MSTC DEEP E-Bidding portal. DIPR/2732/Tender/2021 CHIEF ENGINEER/PPI DIPR/2732/Tender/2021 CHIEF ENGINEER/PPP

Rajasthan State Road Development And Construction Corporation Ltd., JAIPUR

"சோதனை கடந்து சுதந்திரம் அடைந்தோம், சாதனை புரிந்து சரித்திரம்

ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या 145/2021-22 कार्य का विवरण Rate contract for supply of Ordinary Portland Cement 43 Grade as per ISI Marked at Various sites in Rajasthan. UBN No. RRC2021WLOB00269 अतिसार्वित निविदा प्रपत्र डाउनलीड करने को अवधि दिनांक 17.09.2021 से 06.10.2021 सार्थ 06.00 वजे तक निविद्य से संबंधित समूर्ण डिवरण एवं संकोधन चेबसाईट http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.nic.in त http://roads.rajasthan.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है। इच्छुक संवेदकों को अपने डिविटस हस्ताखर के माध्यम से वेबसा http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in पर विसटर्ड करवाना आवश्यक है।

No. NIT/2021-22/10482-95 अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना/2021-22		Date: 20.09.20
निम्नलिखित परियोजनाओं पर राजस्थान राज्य सडक विकास एवं निर्माण निगम लि. (RSRDC Ltd.) में ' हेतु ईं-टेन्डिरिंग प्रक्रिया से ऑनलाईन निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती हैं:-	गंजीकृत टोल कलेक्शन टे	केदारों से पथकर वस्
कार्य का विवरण	आरक्षित सङ्गि (रु.)	निविदा सूचना संख्या
Collection of Toll Tax on Salumber-Keer Ki Chowki & Debari-Kurabad-Bambora Road for 01 Year. UBN: RRC2122SLOB00272	655.88 Lakh	अल्पकालीन ई-148/21-22
Collection of Toll Tax on Dudu-Malpura-Todaraisingh-Chhan Road for 01 Year. UBN: RRC2122SLOB00273	497.93 Lakh	अल्पकालीन ई-149/21-22
ऑनलाईन निविदा प्रपत्र डाउनलोड करने की अवधि दिनांक 18,09,2021 प्रात: 09,00 बजे से 2	र ०० २०२१ सार्थ ०४ ०० सर्वे	2000

RATNAGIRI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.



RATNAGIRI

ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 11, YEAR 2021-22 Chief Officer, Ratnagiri Municipal Council has Inviting E-

tender of work "Providing Planetarium System and Other Electrical System for Proposed Planetarium Building at Prabhag No. 2, Malnaka in Ratnagiri Municipal Council Area" having estimated Cost Rs. 4,64,62,184/- All Information Related Tender are available on http://www.mahatenders.gov.in website within period of Date 22/09/2021 to Date 20/10/2021 up to 4.00 P.M. Sd/-

Chief Officer Ratnagiri Municipal Council

Sd/- **DEVASWOM COMMISSIONER** (For and behalf of Travancore Devaswom Board)

New Delhi

Date: 20/09/2021

Classifieds

PERSONAL

It is for general information that I,Mahi D/o Sh.Davinder Pal Singh,R/o.A-437/1,A-Block,Shastri Nagar, Ashok Vihar, North-West, Delhi-110052, declare that my father name has been wronglywritten as Devender Pal Singh in my all educationaldocuments. The actual-name of my father is Davinder Pal Singh respectively which may be amended accordingly.

0040585371-9

I,Vaibhav S/o Nirmal Parkash R/o,2275,Gali.no 68,SHE HE Footwear, Karol Bagh, Delhi-5 have changed my name to Vaibhay Arora for all purposes.

0040585379-4

I,Shafeeq Ahmed S/O -Abdul Rashid Lone, R/O-Hajinar ,Karnah Kupwara do hereby declared that my name and Do B has been wrongly mentioned in service record of my father as Shafiq Ahmed and D o B as 21-07-2002, while as my correct name is Shafeeq Ahmed and D o B is 01-12-2002. Applying for correction. Objection if any may conveyed to concern $authority\,in\,seven\,days\,from$ the date of publication.

0020427170-1

I,Sangita W/o Rakesh Jaiswal.R/o D-18. Sudershan Park, New Delhi-110015, have changed my name to Sangita purposes. Jaiswal, for all purposes.

0040585379-8

I.Salim S/o Sh.Hoshiar Singh R/o-H.No.839C Heera-Park Najafgarh, Paprawat South-West Delhi-110043.that in all my educational, ID-proofs and birth-certificates my name is mentioned as Salim.however in the service-record of my father my name is Deepak, Salim and Deepak are the name of one and same person

0040585310-1

I,SURENDRA KUMAR S/O PARASNATH GUPTA.R/O 58,PASCHIM ENCLAVE, PASCHIM VIHAR, DELHI-110087.CHANGED MY NAME TO SURENDRA KUMAR GUPTA.

0040585385-2

I,SUPRIYA KUMARI, W/o-HEMANT KUMAR PANDEY R/o-FLAT.NO-5/226 GYAN-KHAND-1 INDIRAPURAM GHAZIABAD UP-201014, Changed my name to SUPRIYA KUMARI PANDEY.

0040585385-3

I,SUJATA W/O KSHETRAPAL BANTUPALLI R/O U5-404,KINGSBURY-APPARTMENTS,TDI-CITY.KUNDLI.SONIPAT-131028.H AVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SUJATA DAHIYA.FOR ALL PURPOSES.

0040585366-1

I,SANJAY KUMAR GUPTA, S/O SHRI S.B.GUPTA,R/O-62, KRISHAN-KUNI COLONY,LAXMI-NAGAR DELHI-110092,THAT MY INCORRECT NAME MENTION IN MY SON NAMELY VAIBHAV GUPTA,S/O SHRI.SANJAY GUPTA UID NO. 982254826942 BLIT MV CORRECT-NAME IS SANJAY KUMAR GUPTA, FOR **FUTURE, ALL PURPOSES.**

0040585371-3

I.SAMITA TIWARI.W/o Raiesh Kumar Tiwari R/o-139A, Vinay-Nagar, Agwan Pur, Faridabad-121003. have changed my name to SAMITA, for all, future

0040585371-5

I,Ranjit Prasad S/o-Mr.Badan Prasad, R/o-H.No 27, East Kakrala Khwashpur Extn. Secor 80 Noida Phase-2,Gautam Buddha Nagar, UP-201301, have changed my, name to Raniit Kumar for all.future purpose.

0040585366-11

I,SWEETY KUMARI,W/o ARVIND KUMAR THAKUR. R/o.FLAT.NO.06, FIRST-FLOOR, 424B,CHIRAG DELHI,MALVIYA-NAGAR NEW DEI HI-110017 changed my name to SWEETY

0040585385-5

I.Ramesh Chand S/o Lt. Harish Chand Gola R/o C-35, St.no-3, Panchal Vihar, Karawal Nagar, Delhi-94 have changed my name to Ramesh Chand Gola

I,Rajwati Devi,W/o Sh.Dhani Ram, R/o 267/4B, GF-2, Shirdi Apartment, Sector-1, Vaishali,Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh,have changed my name from Rajwathi to Rajwati, for all future purposes.

0040585366-4

0040585305-

I,Pratibha W/o Rajinder Kumar,R/o-WZ-143A/4C,IInd-Floor, Gali. No. 7, New Mahavir, Nagar, New Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Pratibha Sharma, after marriage for all future purposes.

I,Parmeet kaur Sandhu W/O.Taranveer singh,R/O.WZ-66A. gali.no.2. Guru-Nanak nagar, Tilak-nagar, New-Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Parmeet kaur, for all purposes.

0040585361-3

I,Nirmal Prakash Arora S/o,Lt Rattan Lal R/o.2275.Gali.no-68,SHE HE Footwear,Karol Bagh, Delhi-5, have changed my name to Nirmal Parkash for all purposes.

0040585379-5

I,Mohamed Nadeem,s/o Abdullah Mohammed Janiee. R/o-Building. No.05, G/F,Hazrat-Nizamuddin,New Delhi-110013.have changed my name to Nadeem Abdullah Sidyot,for all, future purposes 0040585379-1

I.Marivah Abdulhamid Limbada,w/o Nadeem Abdullah Sidyot ,R/o-Building No.05.G/F. Hazrat-Nizamuddin, New Delhi-110013, have changed my name to Mariyah Nadeem Sidyot, for

all, future purposes.

0040585379-2

I,Mamta Singh,D/o Madan Pal Singh, R/o-C-276, Brij-Vihar, Thana-Link-Road, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201011, that name of my father has been wronglywritten as M.P. Singh in my educational-documents and MPSINGH in my Pan Card. The actual-name of my father is Madan Pal Singh

0040585379-9 I.Lakkhi Ram S/o Prakash, R/o H.No-6/86, Khicharipur Delhi-110091 Have Changed My Name To Lakhi Ram, For Future.

0040585379-3

I,Komal D/o Sh.Rakesh Bajaj,R/o H.No.552, Ward No.6, Bajari Mohalla, Sonipat, (Haryana)-131301,have changed my name to Komal Bajaj.

0040585366-8

I,Kiran Arora W/o Nirmal Parkash R/o,2275,Gali.no 68,SHE HE Footwear,Karol Bagh, Delhi-5, have changed my name to Kiran Bala for all

I,Jagdish Bhardwaj,S/o-Sh.Sukh Daval Sharma.R/o-Flat.No.C-132.Siddharatha Kuni Apartment, Plot. No. 17, Sector-7, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075, have changed my.name to Jagdish Sharma for all, future purpose. 0040585366-6

I,Inderjeet Singh,R/O.8/5, block-41. Singh Sabha Road, Shakti-Nagar, New Delhi-110007, have changed my minor daughter's name, from Harjap to Harjap kaur,for all purposes.

0040585371-10

I,Harish S/o Pyare Lal R/o L-141, Mangol Puri, Delhi-110083 have changed my name to Hari Prakash for all purposes.

0040585366-9

I.HARMINDER SINGH KAPOOR,S/O KRISHAN LAL KAPOOR, R/O F-6/239, BLOCK-F.POCKET-6.SECTOR-16,ROHINI,DELHI-110085.CHANGED MY NAME TO HARMINDER KAPOOR.

0040585366-7

I, Suman Singh W/o Lal Mani R/o H-551, Shakur Pur Delhi Changed Name to Usha Devi. 0040585371-2

I,Dhani Ram,S/o Late Sh.Daulat Ram R/o.267/4B, GF-2, Shirdi Apartment, Sector-1,Vaishali,Ghaziabad Uttar-Pradesh,have changed my name, from Sridhani Ram to Dhani Ram, for all, future purposes.

0040585366-3 **I,Arjun** Sharma,S/o-Mahesh

Sharma.R/o-1 Staff-Ouarters. Hanuman-Mandir, Baba Kharak Singh Marg, New.Delhi-110001, have changed my name to Dinesh Sharma, for all 0040585385-7

I.Arham Siddigui, S/o Magsud E Nazar, H.No.25, Ground-Floor, Pocket-2.Jasola, Okhla, New Delhi-110025, Changed my name to Mohammed Argam

0040585361-10

I.Aiav Kumar Jha.S/o Shri.G.K.Jha,R/o-A-51, Upper.Ground.Floor, Gulab-Bagh, Uttam-Nagar, New-Delhi-59, declare That in the schoolrecord, the name of my child is appearing as Aavush Jha.But his correct-name is Aayush Kumar Jha,for all

purposes. That the Aavush Kumar Jha and the Aayush Jha is one and the same person.

0040585371-4

LAdib Siddigui S/o Mohammad Ikrar R/o Kachaura Road,Jaitpur Kalan Agra UP-283114. That name of my father and mother has been wrongly written as Guddu Siddiqui and Shavera Siddigui in my 10th class marksheet and certificate.The actual name of my father and mother are Mohammad Ikrar and Sayara 0040585379-7

I,ARVIND KUMAR,S/o VIMAL KISHOR THAKUR, R/o FLAT.NO.06, FIRST-FLOOR, 424B. CHIRAG DELHI, MALVIYA NAGAR, NEW DELHI-110017. Changed my name to ARVIND KUMAR THAKUR.

0040585385-4

LARUNJEET SINGH AULAKH S/O HARJEET SINGH R/O-B-107, MAX HEIGHTS, SECTOR-62 KUNDLI.SONIPAT-131028 CHANGED MY NAME TO

0040585385-1

I. WAHID AHMED SIDDIOUI. S/O MR.GHASITA,R/O-172/42, SECOND FLOOR STREET.NO.4, GHAFFAR MANZII . JAMIA NAGAR, OKHLA, NEW-DELHI-110025, have changed my name to WAHID AHMED, permanantly.

0040585366-2

I, Vineet Kumar Chouhan, S/O Balkaran Singh, R/o 6/71 sector 2 Raiendra Nagar sahibabad ghaziabad, Uttar Paradesh 201005 have changed my name to Vineet Kumar Chauhan.

0070754659-1

I, Vijay Harsh Jha S/o Sh. Harsh Naravan Jha. R/o 19-B. Pocket B,Siddhartha Extn. New Delhi 110014 have changed my son's name from Supratik Iha to Suupratik Jjhaa for all future purposes.

0040585294-1

I, Surjeet Kumar s/o Jageshwar Kumar r/o GG-1/26A, Vikas Puri, New Delhi-110018 have changed my daughter's name from Ajel Singh to Angel Singh

0040585280-1

I, Surendra Kumar Jain S/O Dhanraj Singhi, R/o 9-7-201, Green View Enclave, Near Manasarovar Heights Circle 14, Hasmathnet Secunderahad Hyderabad, Telangana-500009, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Surendra Singh

0070754658-1 I, Suraj Parkash Batheja S/o Late Shri Dhalu Ram Batheja R/o 193, Hargobind Enclave, Vikas Marg Delhi - 110092 have inform that Suraj Parkash Batheja, Suraj Prakash and

0040585290-1 I, Shanti Kumari w/o Satyendra Veer Sachdev r/o 159, F/F, State Bank Nagar, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-63 have changed my

Suraj Parkash Bhateja are the

one and the same Person.

name to Shanti Sachdev 0040585280-3

I, Seema w/o Rajneesh Kumar R/o AD -19, Mansarovar Apartment, Plot No-3, Sector 5. Dwarka, Delhi - 110075 inform that Seema and Seema Sharma both are same and one person.

0040585283-1

I,Chunni Devi W/o Girja Singh R/o H.No.-37, Kothia, J.Kothia, Sheohar.Bihar, have changed my name to Shail Devi for all future purposes. 0040585297-1

I, Saurabh Sharma R/o T-4, 1202, Unitech Horizon, Sector-Pi-2. Greater Noida U.P. have changed my Son's name from Krish Bhardwai to Krrish Bhardwaj for all future purposes.

0070754696-1

I, Sailesh Kumar Srivastava S/O Bijay Kumar Sinha, R/o 301, B-Block, Vasundhara Gardens, Harihar Singh Road, Tetar Toli Bariatu, Ranchi, Jharkhand-834009. I have changed the name of my minor daughter Shally Srivastava, aged about 17 and She shall hereafter be known as S. Rajeshwari Raj.

0070754677-1 I, S V Sachdev s/o L N Sachdev r/o 159, F/F, State Bank Nagar Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-63 have changed my name to Satyendra Veer Sachdev

0040585280-2 I, Raj Singh Verma s/o bikho verma r/o R-198, mohan garden, uttam nagar, Delhi-110059 have changed my name

to RAJ VERMA.

0040585271-1 I, RAJU,S/O YAM BAHADUR,R/o G 19/36, DLF PHASE I, NEAR SILVER OX, GURGAON, HARYANA-122001, changed my name to RAJU KHATRI.

0040585371-1

I, Priya Ranjan S/o Mr. Ravindra Singh R/o Flat No. E-804, Aditva Mall, Ahinsa Khand - I. Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh - 201 014 have changed my daughter name from Manshi aged about 13 years to Mansi Sharma for all purposes in future as per the Affidavit sworn in before the Notary Public on 18.09.2021

0040585345-1

I. Priva Rai. D/O Sh. Prabhat kumar, R/o 6581/3, Block-9, Dev Nagar, Karol bagh, New Delhi 110005, have changed my name Priya Raj to Priya Kashyap, for

all purposes. 0040585324-1 I. Pooia.W/o-Mahender

Singh,R/o-M-78, Gali.No.4, Shastri-Nagar, AshokVihar, Delhi-110052.declare that Pooja, and Pooja Rathore, both names, are one and same person, shall.

hereafter be known as Pooia 0040585385-6 I, Pawan Kumar Girotra S/o Ram Prakash R/o H No-134 Third-Floor.Pocket-2, Jasola, New Delhi-110025,Have changed

Pawan Girotra, for all purposes. 0040585361-2 I, Nitesh Kumar, S/o Jai Kishore Sharma R/o RZ-80, Sayed

Nangloi, Paschim Vihar, Delhi-

110087, have changed my name

to Nitesh Sharma. 0040585361-8

I, Nimuddin S/o-Kallu Baksh R/o O-10 Batla House Jamia Nagar ND-25.have changed my name to Nimuddin, for all purpose.

0040585385-9

I, Neha J D/O Jayaprakash K, R/o Suramya, Nanniyode, Pattanchery, Palakkad, Kerala-678534, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Neha Niyas.

0070754688-1

I, NIDA D/o SHAHID R/O-C-1/39 C1 EB-BLOCK IMAAMBARA NEW SEELAMPUR, DELHI-110053, have changed my name to NIDA SHAHID permanently. 0040585366-10

I. NEERAJ KUMAR.S/O CHANDER

BHAN,R/O-83 C.S.P-FLATS EAST OF KAILASH DELHI-110065, changed my name To NEERAJ BHAN.

0040585361-6

I, Mukesh W/o Dharamveer R/o VPO Birdhana.Jhaiiar. Haryana-124102 have changed my name from Mukesh to Mukesh Devi for all purposes.

0040585385-10

I, Mohammed Abbas M A S/O Abdul Rahman M A, R/o Makkiventa Valappil. Mannaraparambu, Kappur, Palakkad, Kerala-679552, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Abbas

I. Meena Panwar W/o Jagat

Singh Pawar R/o-A-5/76, Air

India Colony, V.V. ND-57, have

changed my name to Meena

Pawar.

0070754682-1

0040585366-5 I, Manohar B J S/O Jayarama Reddy.R/o #106. Sariapura Main Road, Near Post Office, Doddakannalli, Bangalore, Karnataka-560035, I have changed the name of my minor $daughter\,Kamya\,Saagarika\,M$ aged about 7 Years and She

shall hereafter be known as

0070754694-1

I. Malappa Kannur alias Malappa Shivappa Kannur S/O Shivappa, R/o Kokatnur, Bijapur, Karnataka-586115. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Manvith Shivappa Kannur.

0070754680-1

I, Mala Tewari, W/o of Late Mahavir Tiwari, resident of A-45. Ground Floor, Vipul World Block A. Sector 48, Sohna Road. Near JMD Galleria, Gurgaon, Haryana, Pin code 122018, have changed my name from Mala Tewari (existing Name of spouse as per NOK POR/ IAFF(P) 5) to Mala Tiwari (proposed New Name of spouse as per bank account Aadhar and all other documents etc.) due to spelling error (reason for change) for future reference.

I, MOHD FIRDOS,S/O.MOHD FIROZ, C-53/29, STREET. NO.30.JAFRABAD GARHI MENDU NORTH EAST DELHI-110053, Changed My name to MOHD FERDOS., Permanantly.

0070754653-1

0040585361-7 I, MANJU ARYA, W/O-MANOHAR LAL,H.NO-638, GALI.NO-22 4TH-FLOOR DDA-FLATS MADANGIR DELHI-110062. Changed my

name to MANJU DEVI. 0040585361-5

Lalita Mallick, W/O Amitav Mallick R/o Flat No- 24/4, B Block, Madhu Park Ridge, IB Lines, Hydershakote, Golconda, Hyderabad, Telangana-500031. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Leena

0070754671-1

I. Kuldeen Singh S/o Kalam Singh Rawat, R/o-146-B, Nyay Khand-1, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, UP-201014, declare that in my son's (PIYUSH RAWAT), school documents, my name is wrongly mentioned as KULDEEP SINGH instead of KULDEEP SINGH RAWAT.

0070754618-1

I, Harminder Singh s/o Veer Singh R/o A-262, Third Floor, Sudershan Park, New Delhi-110015, have changed my name to Harminder Singh Mehta.

0040585273-1

I, Guddu Kumar S/O Anil Vishwakarma, R/o GT Road PO-Isri Bazar, Dumri, Giridih, Jharkhand-825106, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Kumar Vishwa Pratik.

0070754679-1 I, Gaurahari Bhoi S/O Kishore Bhoi, R/o Karanapokhari, Motto, Bhadrak, Odisha-756132, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known

as Debasish Bhoi. 0070754674-1

I. Faisal S/o Mohd Irshad, R/o C-1016, F/F, Gali-No-7, Chauhan Bangar, Delhi-110053 Have changed my name to Mohd Faisal.

0040585270-1

0040585288-1

0040585385-8

I, Bibek Kumar Singh R/o.Village Post Alipur Hatta, District Vaishali, Bihar-844506 do hereby notifies that in my Service Records my Son's name is wrongly mentioned as Shantanu. The correct name is Shantanu Singh.

I, Anil Upreti, S/o Sh. Hari Ram Upreti,R/o H.No.671, Tihar Residential-Complex, Vidhya Marg, Janak Puri, New Delhi-58, have changed my Son name, from Abhisiekh Upreti to Abhishek Upreti, for all future purpose.

0040585361-9 I. Amarjot Kaur D/o-Swarnjeet Singh Residing-3/66, Subhash Nagar, Delhi.have changed my name to Amarjot Kaur Sahni, for all purposes.

I Vivek Kumar Aggarwal S/O

I Raiinder Goel S/o Parkash

Chand Goel R/o C-436A, Gali

changed my name to Rajinder

No-10, Mailis Park, Adarsh

Nagar, Delhi-110033, have

Hem Kumar Aggarwal Resident of RZ-6, 1st Floor, Prem Nagar, Uttam Nagar New Delhi-110059 have changed my name from VIVEKAGGARWAL to VIVEK KUMAR AGGARWAL for all future purposes. 0110024980-1

Kumar Aggarwal 0070754672-1 I Vandana Kumari W/o Shashi Kumar Shashi R/o SMO 917/12 AF Campus Viman Nagar Pune-. 14 have changed my name from Vandana Kumari to Vandana Devi vide Affidavit 5140 dtd 08/07/21 before Pune

Naresh Kumar S/O, Dharamvir Singh R/o H-18, bhaiyawali Gali, budhan Pur, Majra Dabas, Delhi, 110081 have changed my name to Naresh Dabas for all purposes.

court

0040585269-1

0090291359-1

I Igbal Singh Wadhwa S/O.Harbhaian Singh R/O.23/86A, Tilak-Nagar, New Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Iqbal Singh for all 0040585361-4 Deepak Bareja son of Tilak Raj

Bareja residing at 350 DDA SFS Flats, Dr Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi 110009 have changed the name of my minor son Keshav Bareja aged 17 years and he shall hereafter be known as Kesshav Bareja. 0020427178-1

Seelampur Delhi 110053 have

Mohammad for all purposes

changed my name to Aas

I Assh Mohammad S/o, Hakimuddin R/o A-113 New

0040585346-1 I, Surendra Singh (Army No.-3184170K EX-TSNK) S/o Sheesh Ram R/o VPO Issapur, Tehsil Naiafgarh, New Delhi-110073 have declare that in my service record my daughter name wrongly mention as UJJAWAL instead of her correct name

purposes. I, Suraj Goud S/O Antaryami Goud, R/o Flat-403, Block-E/1, 4th Floor, DHPL Sahoo Residency, Rangamatia. Gadakana, Bhubaneswar Mancheswar Railway Colony, Khorda, Odisha-751017. Declare that Name of My Father has been wrongly written as Antryami Goud in my 10th Class Certificate No- 1371858 that Name of My Father has been wrongly written as Antryani Goud in my 12th Class Certificate No-008702. The actual name of My Father is Antaryami Goud, which may be

I. Rekha Devi . Late Ram Awadhesh Chouhan R/o Pandeydih 6 No, Near Raj

Kamal School, Chandor Siiua Panredi, Dhanbad, Jharkhand-828121 . have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Dakhia Devi. 0070754662-1 I, Nandkishor Jatoliya S/O Nema Ram Jatoliya, R/o Flat G2 Plot

No 49, Love Kush Nagar, Near

Reyansh Jatoliya.

hereafter be Known as

0070754656-1 I, Horizan Prasanna Kumar Saravanan S/O Saravanan,R/o No-55, Rajaji Nagar, Thangapapuram, Perumattunallur, Kancheepuram, Tamil Nadu-603202. I have changed the name of my minor daughter Jessica Sharon aged about 14

0070754697-1 I, Atma Ram alias Aatma Ram S/O Chet Singh, R/o Jarag (93),

be known as H. Jessica Sharon.

0070754666-1 I, Heero Soren S/O Buju Soren, R/o Gopibandh, Borwa, Sarath. Deoghar, Jharkhand-814149, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as

been changed my name to Mamta. 0040585361-1 I Shashi Kumar Shashi R/o SMO 917/12 AF Campus Viman Nagar Pune-14 have changed my name from Shashi Kumar

before Pune court

I Sreelatha P.S. alias Srilata Thapa D/o Late V.O.Sreedharan W/o Sh. Dinesh Kumar Thapa R/o H.No.53, Block-20, DDA Flats, Dakshinpuri, Pushpa Bhawan, New Delhi-110062 have changed my name to

I Anil Kumar Rawal S/o Late Sh. R.D.Rawal R/o N-66, Greater Kailash Part-1, Delhi-110048 is also known as Anil Rawal, Both names are of one and the same

l Tella Rajesh Maharshi S/o Sh.

Mohan Rao R/o 376/C3, Camero

110010 have changed the name

Complex, Subroto Park, Delhi-

of my minor son from Tella Venkata Sri Sai Rithwik to Tella Rithwik for all purposes 0040585255-1 I Suresh bhairavi Pandey s/o Late Shri Bhairavi Prasad R/o H.No.

I. Amit kumar iain S/o Viiav kumar iain R/o House.No.9 Sector-1 rohtak harvana-124001 has been chang name AMIT KUMAR JAIN TO AMIT JAIN FOR ALL PURPOSE.

LOST & FOUND

I,Vipin Kumar Mittal,S/o Late Sh. Jyoti Sarup Mittal, R/o-211, Kailash Hills, East of Kailash,New Delhi-110065.Have Lost my Share Certificate & Allotment-Letter of B-116,Kirpal CGHS, I.P. Extension, Patparganj, Delhi-110092.Finder Contact#9899122323.

0040585371-11

Agarwal R/o 8A/78 West Punjabi Bagh, N. Delhi Director of Helix Wires and Strips Pvt. Ltd. having factory at Bhiwadi have lost many files including File of Original Chain of Sale Deeds, Permission from RIICO and Various other original documents in the name of our company Helix Wires and Strips Pvt. Ltd., Industrial Plot No. E-358, RIICO Industrial Area, Bhiwadi (RJ), while shifting my office at Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi. If found by anybody please contact at given above address.

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Contract Call Rajan 9855728773

0020427186-2

PUBLIC NOTICE It is publicly informed that my clien
MEWA RAM S/O LATE JAMNA RAM
KAUSHALYA W/O MEWA RAM, R/O all their relations with their son JA PRAKASH with his wife SANTOSH and debarred from their movable and mmovable properties/assets due to heir misbehavior. If any person organization, institution dealing with them in civil and criminal matter shall be oing at his/her/their own risk, cost an esponsibility, for that my client shall no e responsible in any manne

Sd/- DINESH KUMAR (Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE General public hereby informed that notice given to all that my clients Sh Brahm Parkash Baniwal and Smt Sushila Baniwal, R/O H. No. 7. Pitampura Village, NDL-34 are debarred legal heirs of their Doceased Daughter namely Smt. Ritu Schraws W/O Sh. Pawan Schrawst from all the movable and immovable properties and blood/social relation forever, because they have settled all the relations from reclients and they are not defended. ney have settled all the relations from my clients and they are out of contri rom my clients clutches and disobed ent. Any person whosoever deal with her shall do at his/her / their own risk

PUBLIC NOTICE /e Ashok Kumar Arora S/o Late Sh. Bisha Dass Arora & Sudha Arora W/o Sh. Ashol Kumar Arora both R/o A-116, Vishal Enclave, New Delhi-27 declare that we have lost following original documents 1. Agreement to Sell & Purchase dated 17/07/1989 between Smt. Nirupama Gulati & Sh. Harbhajan Singh 2. Receipt registered at Sub Registrar Office dated 27/07/1989. FIR Lodged vide LR No. 707653/2021 dated 17-09-2021. Any person(s) claiming any right, interest having any objection or found in possession of original document may write/contact with above named person at above address within 15 days

from the date of publication of this notice

PUBLIC NOTICE that my client Smt. Manorma Dev W/o Late Sh. Shekhar Chand R/o N2/8A, Mohan Garden, Uttar Nagar, New Delhi-59, has served al er relations with her son Sh aveen Kumar and his wife Sn Godambari Devi along with the son master Vansh Kumar as the are out of her control. My above entioned client has also dis and debarred her said son and his wife along with their son from a their movable and immovable properties. Anybody dealing wit h Naveen Kumar and his wife w lo so at his/her/their own risk and responsibilities and my clients wi not be responsible for any act, dee or dealing done by Sh. Navee

Bijender P Kum Kumar. (Advocate) - UK/01/2018 Public Notice Mohan Aggarwal són of Shri Babı Lal Aggarwal & Mrs. Prem Devi wife Lai Aggarwal & Mrs. Prem Devi wire of Shn Brij Mohan Aggarwal both residents of 816, Mahawar Nagar, Kotla Mubarakpur, New Delhi-110003, have disowned and debarred their son namely Mr. Amit Aggarwal & daughter in law Mrs.
Sushma Singh from all their
moveable and immoveable
properties and have cancelled all
their relation with them in future as they are not obeying and respectin my clients and if anyone deals with them shall be doing at his/her own

cost and risks.

KAMAL BHARDWAJ
(Advocate) E. No. 1889/2011
130-B, Basement, Gautam
Nagar, New Delhi-110049

BEFORE SH. KRISHAN KUMAR SHARMA, REGISTRAR In the High Court of Delhi at New Delhi Extraordinary Civil Original Jurisdiction lotice under order V Rule 20 of code of Civil Procedure, 1908 Writ Petition (C) No. 2093/2020 & CM Appl M/S. INFINITY SEZ PVT. LTD. & ANR.

COURT NOTICE

I.F.C.I. LIMITED AND ORS.

To R:3 – M/s AEC Ssangyong Ltd., C-8/2, 1st Floor, DLF City, Phase-I, Gurgaon-122002, Haryana. R:4 – M/s AEC Marketing Pvt. Ltd., 3E7, Jhandewalan Extension, New Delhi-110055. WHEREAS, the petitioner above mentioned has presented a petition Under Article 226 & 227 of the Constitution of India. And whereas the said petition came up for motion hearing before the Court on 26.02.2020 and notice was ordered. And whereas on 27.08.2021 it has been prove to the satisfaction of this Court that above mentioned respondents cannot be served in

you, by publication to cause an appearance t be entered on your behalf either in person of through an Advocate duly appointed by you for the purpose before the Court of Registrar or the 07th October, 2021 at 11.00 AM. the 07" October, 2021 at 11.00 AM. Take further notice that in default of your appearance by yourself, your pleader or some other person authorized by you to act for you in the said writ petition on the aforementioned date, no further notice of the subsequent date of hearing of the said petition will be given to you in future and the said writ petition will be heard & determined ex-parte in your absence. Given under my hand & the Seal of the High Court of Delhi, this the 17" day of September, 2021. Sd/-

the ordinary manner. Notice is hereby issued t

मेरे मुवक्किल श्री अमर सिंह पुत्र स्वर्गीय श्रीराम पता -आर जैड 1/49, महावीर मार्ग महावीर एंक्लेव दिल्ली- 45 ने अपनी पुत्रवध् महावार एक्लव दिल्ली - 45 न अपना पुत्रवधू मीनाक्षी पत्री सतीश कुमार पुत्री श्री मदन लाल पता सीमा एपार्टमेंट सेक्टर - 11 द्वारका नई दिल्ली को उसकी धर्माकेयों व दुर्व्ववहार व पैरालाइज पेशेन्ट पति सतीश कुमार की देखभाल न करने के कारण उस अपनी समस्त चल अचल संपत्ति से बेदखल करके समस्त चल जचल सभात संबद्धल करक उससे अपने सभी कारण पारिवारिक संबंध विच्छेद कर लिए हैं भविष्य में वह अपने सभी क्रियाकलाप की स्वयं उत्तरदावी होगी शांति प्रकाश, एडवांकेट चेंम्बर नंबर बी-57, बी.जी.एस.ब्लॉक तीस हजारी कोर्ट दिल्ली -54

PUBLIC NOTICE dealing with any of them it his or her own risks and m

PUBLIC NOTICE

ified to the public that my clients ander Sharma son of late phubir Singh R/o Plot No. 472, No. Mundka, Delhi-110041 and his not P.Ö. Mundka, Delhi-110041 and his wife Mrs. Bhawna Sharma, have got no connection of whatsoever nature with his son Yash Vats and his wife Mrs. Ritika Sharma Dio Pawan Sharma of Village Bhalswa, who have been living separately for quite some time. My aforesaid client and his wife have severed all their relations, connections, whatsoever nature with their droesaid son Yash Vats and his wife Mrs. Ritika Sharma and disown them from all their

Enrol. No. D/11-B/1

PUBLIC NOTICE My client Mrs. Reena Sharma w/o Late Ms. Inder Kumar Sharma R/o C-4/15, Krishna nagar Delhi-110051 C-4/15, Krishna nagar Delhi-110051 do hereby disown her daughter namely Mrs. Rohini Chattwal / Sharma from her all movable /immovable properties and also break all social and personal relationship/ties with her. In future she shall not have any relation of any nature whatsoever with my client. My client shall not be responsible for any acts/comission done by her daughter Rohini Chhattwal/Sharma.

BHARTENDU VISEN ADVOCATE

movable and immovable properties and also sever all social and them. In future, they will not have any relation of any nature whatsoever with them. My client shall not be responsible for any acts or omissions done by the said two

Ch. No. 7. Civil Side Tis Hazari Court Delhi -110054

PUBLIC NOTICE Delhi-110032 has came to Tis Hazari Cour and have misplaced the tolder in the Western Wing Parking which contains the following documents i.e. Case file o Praveen Kumar Gupta Vs. Shiv Amrii Constructions, Some Agreements in respect to property bearing no. B-80, Anand Vihar, Delhi and RC/Pollution Certificate/ Insurance of my Scooty (Suzuki Access 125) bearing Registration Vo. D.113SR5103. If anybody found the foresaid documents/ folder, please be oresaid documents/ folder, please b ve/ returned to the undersigned. Sd/- RAMESH KUMAI

PUBLIC NOTICE

ny client, Dr. Er. Rajainderr Jain S/o Late Sh. T.C. Jaina R/o Terapanth Niketan, 1st Floor, Fla

such authority/ power along wit Shradha Jain; Pooja Jaina; Sush be treated as illegal and all suc amounts, if paid in any forr whatsoever, including Rents; sale consideration; maintenanc

> COMPLEX CIVIL WIN TIS HAZARI COURT

सार्वजनिक सूचना सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि मे मुवक्किल श्री जगदीश कुमार पुत्र स्वर्गीय १ रामनाथ निवासी B-292, गोकुलपुरी, दिल्ली 94, से अपने पुत्र लखन सिंह को उसवे द्रव्यवहार, गाली-गलोच, एवम झगडा करने व कुञ्चकार, नासा नासा के स्वमू इंग्लिंग करने के कारण अपनी चल व अचल सम्पत्ति से हमेश के लिये बेदखल कर दिया हैं, भविष्य में जो भ उससे किसी भी प्रकार का कृत्य या लेन-दे करता है, तो उसके लिये वह स्वयं जिम्मेदा

होगा मेरे मुवक्किल की कोई जवाबदारी मोदारी कतर्ड नहीं होगी।

The public at large is hereby informed that Late Kanta Devi Wo Rohtas Bhardwaj R/o H.No.11, Extn-2b, Nangloi, New Delhi-41, was having commercial property in our project Vatika Tower Flat No.123, admeasuring 1075 sq. ft. Which his/her legal heirs requested the company to be transfer to her husband Sh. Rohtas Bhardwaj, Any person having any objection on this please may contact the company officer of VATIKA LIMITED at Unit No.4-002, Ground Floor, Block-A, 100, B PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE ur Client, Smt. Meera wife of Sh aresh, R/o B-24, Rani Garde

 Ravi, aged about 22 years, from her movable and immovable an her movable and infinovable assets and properties due to certain ssues, personal differences & rregular behaviour and has also severed all her relations from him and hereinafter she has no concern/relation with him in any manner whatspewer.

Sd/- M & E Advocates & Solicitors

Sec-11 CBD Belanur Navi Mumbai-400614

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL RFPNO:780 DATED: 22.09.2021

Commencement of download of RFP: From 22.09.2021 Last date and time for submission of bids: 12.10.2021 up to 15:00 hrs. Deputy General Manager (IT-Mobile Banking) Government of Jharkhand

"E.o.I Cancellation Notice"

going to be published very soon for above purpose.

Director. Dairy PR 253612 Animal Husbandry(21-22).D

WESTERN RAILWAY - VADODARA DIVISION VARIOUS ENGINEERING WORKS e-TENDER NOTICE NO. DRM-BRC 086 TO 090 OF 2021-22

DRM BRC 086 of 2021-22. 6.22.34.202.26 4.61.200.00 arthwork required for cess repairs, videning of cess, re-alignment of urves and other associated works on Surat-Vadodara-Godhra and Vadodara Seratpur Sections along the track at isolated locations on Up an onnection with Raising of speed up to 160 KMPH (Re-invited) (R-1). 02 DRM BRC 087 of 2021-22. 19,76,917.69 Pratapnagar:-Proposed Civil works ncluding electrical works in declaration onnection with Provision of officer ward and store room in Railway hospital (Re DRM BRC 088 of 2021-22. 83,26,946.03 declaration

tructures at specified locations at Prataphagar, Prataphagar (NAIR), Vadodara P), Vadodara Yard etc. under the jurisdiction of Assistant Divisional Engine 2,18,63,528.02 2,59,300.00 DRM BRC 089 of 2021-22. Outsourcing of Track Maintenance activities on BG section including

companion to patrolmen under jurisdiction of SSE(P.Way)-I-ANAND for Two 2,75,600.00 5 DRM BRC 090 of 2021-22. 2,51,18,320.51

सार्वजनिक सूचना

lerapanth Niketan, 1st Floor, Flat No. P. Sagar Apartments, 6 Tilak Marg, New Delhi- 110001, in furtherance to the public notice published in Indian express on 12.09.21 do hereby revoke/cancel in its entirety, power's / acts, mentioned in all the GPA's, of different dates. to Rahul Jaina different dates, to Rahul Jain and more particularly giving further power of attorneys by the said Rahul jaina, as the attorney of my client.

My client has already asked the said Rahul jaina to reveal the names; addresee; email ids &

nobile nos of such person to hom he might have given an such authority/ power along wift the copy of communication by him, to such person, but no names & details of have beer received till this day.

My client herein, specifically cancels, GPA/ authority, given by the said Rahul Jaina, if given, ir favour of Mrs Sudha Jaina. Shradha Jaina: Sushi ani: Pooia Jaina: Sushi Shradna Jain; Pooja Jaina; Susin Jain; Mrs Neera Jain; Rahul Jains HUF or any other person/ relative The general public is hereby informed that all such transactions if any, done by any person on the basis of My GPA's (unregistered) all of differen dates, as mentioned in the las lates, as mentioned in the las Public notice dated 12.09.21, wi

Ravinder Kumar (Advocate Enrl. No. D/2846/2011

officer of VALIKA LIMITED at Unit No.A-002, Ground Floor, Block-A, Vatika INXT City Centre, Secrtor-83, Gurgaon, Haryana-122012, within 15 days after which no claim would be accepted. Dharmvir Singh (Advocate) Ch.122, C.W., Tishazari Courts, Delhi-54

12/48, Geeta Colony, Delhi- 110031

Mobile Banking Department, State Bank of India, Global IT Centre,

& Co-operative (Directorate of Dairy Development) Jharkhand, Ranchi

Online E.o.I invited by Director, Dairy for the empanelment of Bidder for Hand Operated Chaff Cutter and Power Operated Chaff Cutter floated vide PR No- 252324 Animal Husbandry (21-22)#D, Dated- 01.09.2021 is hereby cancelled and notice for purchase through GeM portal is

Sealed Tenders for and on behalf of the President of India are invited by Division Railway Manager (W A/c.) Western Railway, Pratapnagar, Vadodara-390 004 for the following works. Approximate Cost | Earnest Money to Tender No. & Name of Work of the work (in ₹) be deposited (in ₹

Outsourcing of Track Maintenance activities on BG section including ompanion to patrolmen under jurisdiction of SSE(P.Way)-Sevaliya for Two years

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New Delhi

Vadodara Division :- Development and drilling of rain water harvesting

Date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender: Tender is to be submitted on 14-10-2021 before 15:00 Hrs. and is to be opened on same date at 15:30 Hrs. Web site particulars and notice for location where complete details can be seen & Address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased: Web site @ www.ireps.gov.in Divisional Railway Manager (WA/C), Western Railway, Petropagan Veddeta.

I, Arpit Agarwal, S/o Pawan

BUSINESS

For Security & Manpower Contract at New Chandigarh **Only Registered Agencies** Considered.

PUBLIC NOTICE UJJWAL. In future she will be known as UJJWAL for all 0070754617-1

amended accordingly. 0070754668-1 cost and responsibility.
Sd/- R.K. Padhi, Adv
Ch. No. 1116, Rohini Court Complex
Delhi-8

Sangam Paradise, Manyawas, Jaipur, Raiasthan-302020, have changed my name and shall

Years and She shall hereafter

Sirmaur, Himachal Pradesh-173022, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Ankit Kumar.

Satish Soren. 0070754692-1 I, Mamta Rani W/o Pradeep Rana.R/o 2nd A/F-1 Nehru-Nagar Ghaziabad, U.P., have

Shashi to Shashi kumar vide Affidavit 5139 dtd 08/07/21

Srilata Thapa for all purposes. 0040585255-2

Delhi 110092 have change my name SURESH B. PANDEY for all purpose. 0040585195-4

0040584773-4

A/485, Durga Gali Marg, Mandawali

Joint Registrar (Writs) For Registrar General

PUBLIC NOTICE My Client Sh. Nandlal, S/o Late Sh Sarju, R/o-S 468 3rd Floor, school block, Shakarpur, East Delhi 110092 do hereby disown his sor namely Sh. Manish Kumar along vith his wife Smt. kavita from his a

RISHI KANT MISHRA ADVOCATE

PROCUREMENT OF FRONT-END DEVELOPMENT SERVICES OF YONG LITE MOBILE APP. For details, please see 'Procurement News' a https://www.sbi.co.in or https://bank.sbi/

Department of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry

email-dairydevelopmentjharkhand@gmail.com

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

THE INDIAN EXPRESS, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2021



General public is hereby informed that one male namely Unknown S/o Unknown R/o Unknown Age about 60-65 years, Height 5'7", Complexion Wheatish, Face Damage, Normal Built, Wearing Grey Colour Pant, Pink Colour Checkdar Shirt & Blue Colour Chappal in feet was found dead due to railway accident at KM Pole No. 19/26 & 19/28 Down Line Railway Track Near

Platform No.1, Mundka Railway Station, Delhi on 16.09.2021. In this regard a DD No. 14-A dated 16.09.2021 U/s 174 Cr.P.C has been lodged at PS Sarai Rohilla Railway, Delhi. The Dead Body

has been preserved at Subzi Mandi Mortuary for 72 Hours. Any person having any information or clue about this deceased male may kindly inform to the undersigned at the address or

PS Sarai Rohilla Railway, Delhi

Ph. 8750871308, 9868584714 DP/270/RI Y/2021

SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL



telephone nos. given below.

General public is here by informed that one girl Namely: Riya, D/o Shri Satya Prakash, R/o H. No. RZQ-113, Nihal Vihar, Delhi. Age: 141/2 years, Height: 4'10", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Wearing: Chocolaty Color Suit-Salwar and Slippers in feet has been missing / kidnapped since 24.08.2021

form the area of PS. Nihal Vihar, Delhi. In this regard a FIR No. 1079/21, U/s 363 IPC, dated 24.08.2021 has been registered at P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out

information about this girl but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this girl kindly inform to the following.

E-Mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Website: http://cbi.nic.in Fax: 011-24368639 Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641

P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi Ph. 011-25946700, 25946710 DP/1131/0D/2021



4. Tender fee:

CENTRAL POWER RESEARCH INSTITUTE (A Govt. of India Society, Ministry of Power) Post Box No.8066, Prof. Sir. C.V.Raman Road Sadashivanagar Post Office, Bangalore - 560 080

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS (Through e-tendering only) The Officer-in-Charge, Civil Engineering Division, CPRI, Bangalore invites on behalf of Director General, CPRI, Bangalore online item rate e-tenders for following work:-E-NIT No. 05/2021-22

Name of Work: Internal Painting of Institute Building Lat CPRI, RTL, Noida.						
	1.	Estimated cost:	Rs. 4,94,500/-			
	2.	Earnest money:	Nil (Bid Securing Declaration Form to be submitted)			
	3.	E-tender processing fee:	Rs.1,000/-+ 18% GST or Rs.1,180/-			

Rs. 500/-

5. Time of completion: Two months from the seventh date after issue of letter of acceptance of tender or from the date of handing over the site whichever is later. The e-tender forms / documents and other details can be downloaded from the website www.tenderwizard.com/CPRI. The last date for submission of online e-tenders is upto 30.09.2021 Interested and eligible bidders must obtain User ID and password by registering in the above mentioned website. For more details contact e-tender help desk: 080-

40482000, 9686196764, 9686115318. Email ID of the Officer-in-Charge

OFFICE OF THE NAGAON MUNICIPAL **BOARD :: NAGAON :: ASSAM**

website: www.nagaonmunix.in email: nagaonmunix14@gmail.com

No. NMB.VII/38/A/Part-II/2021-22/417

NOTICE INVITING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

The Executive Officer, Nagaon Municipal Board, invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from manufacturers/ authorized dealers/ competent/ reputed experienced organizations/ agencies for Installation and Commissioning of Trommel Machines at Waste Processing Site of Nagaon Municipal Board.

Detailed notice and application Format for EOI can be collected from Nagaon Municipal Board office during office hours. A non refundable fee Rs. 5000 (Rupees Five Thousand) only should be deposited in the Nagaon Municipal Board's fund in cash as processing fee and cost of Bid document. The photocopy of the money receipt shall be enclosed with the EOI.

EOI complete in all respect should be submitted to the Executive Officer, Nagaon Municipal Board, Nagaon Assam on or before 05.10.2021 up to 12:00 PM in prescribed format at office of the Nagaon Municipal Board, Nagaon. The application must be submitted with the requisite fee. EOI received without the prescribed fees will be summarily rejected. In the event of any date indicated above is a declared holiday, the next working day shall become operative for the respective event mentioned herein.

Sd/ **Executive Officer, Nagaon Municipal Board** Nagaon :: Assam

Janasanyog No. 1409/21

NORTHERN RAILWAY Tender Notice No. 18/2021-2022 Date: 21.09.2021 Invitation of Tenders through E-Procurement system

Dy. Chief Materials Manager, NRIy. Store Depot Mech. Workshop, AMRITSAR for and

in behalf of President of India. Invited tenders through e-procur

	on behalf of President of India, invited tenders through e-procurement system for the supply of the following items:-						
S. No.	Tender No.	Item No.	Description	Qty.	Due Date		
1.	62215176	1	7/8 Inch Dia Lock Bolt and Collar for 7/8 Inch dia Lock Bolt. Grip Range of 7/8 Inch Dia Lock Bolt (min= 1.000 Inch & max= 1.250 Inch) to RDSO Drg no. WD-11036-S-01 Alt: Nil & WD-11036-S-02 alt: Nil	21200 SET	15.10.2021		
		2	7/8 Inch Dia Lock Bolt and Collar for 7/8 Inch dia Lock Bolt. Grip Range of 7/8 Inch Dia Lock Bolt (min= 1.250 Inch & max= 1.500 Inch) to RDSO Drg No. WD-11036-S-01 Alt: Nil & WD-11036-S-02 alt: Nil	3600 SET			
		3	7/8 Inch Dia Lock Bolt and Collar for 7/8 Inch dia Lock Bolt. Grip Range of 7/8 Inch Dia Lock Bolt (min= 1.750 Inch & max=2.000 Inch to RDSO drg No. WD-11036-S-01 Alt: Nil & WD- 11036-S-02 alt: Nil	560 SET			
		4	7/8 Inch Dia Lock Bolt and Collar for 7/8 Inch dia Lock Bolt. Grip Range of 7/8 Inch Dia Lock Bolt (min= 2.000 Inch & max= 2.250 Inch to RDSO drg No. WD-11036-S-01 Alt: Nil & WD- 11036-S-02 alt: Nil	800 SET			
		5	7/8 Inch Dia Lock Bolt and Collar for 7/8 Inch dia Lock Bolt. Grip Range of 7/8 Inch Dia Lock Bolt (min= 2.250 Inch & max= 2.500 Inch to RDSO drg No. WD-11036-S-01 Alt : Nil & WD- 11036-S-02 alt : Nil	1600 SET			

NOTE - Above tenders with detailed description are uploaded on IREPS site i.e www.ireps.gov.in. The firm who desires to participate against e-tenders, are advised electronically register themselves on the above website for which they would require to have a class III digital certificate form certifying Agencies authorized under IT Act 000. By Govt. of India. Manual offers against e-tenders will not be accepted

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WESTERN RAILWAY-AHMEDABAD

VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION WORKS Dy. Chief Engineer (Construction) V. Saraspur, PO: Railwaypura, Western Railway, Ahmedabad-380002 for and on behalf of President of Union of India invites E-Tender for the following work: 1. E-Tender No. DY.CE(C)V/ADI/GIM E-Tender No. DY.CE(C)V/ADI/GIM Yard/01/R (2) Name of work: Gandhidham Freight Yard Re-Modeling Work: Execution of various works such as P. way works, Earthworks, Extension of minor bridges with RCC pipes, RCC boxes, Construction of various structures/buildings, Road/concrete pathways, and other incidental/related works involving various Engineering pathways, and other incidental/related works involving various Engineering, Signaling and Telecom, Electrical and TRD works with scope of works as mentioned in the tender document in connection with 'Gandhidham Freight yard remodeling works in Gandhidham yard. (3) Approx. cost of Work: ₹ 51,43,13,918.43 (4) EMD: NIL (5) Completion period: 15 (Fifteen) Months (Including Monsoon) (6) Closing time and Date for submission of Bid: 08-10-2021 at 15.00 Hrs. (7) Website particulars Notice Board location where complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office: Office of Dy. Chief Engineer (Construction) V. of Dy. Chief Engineer (Construction) V. Saraspur, PO: Railwaypura, Western Railway, Ahmedabad-380002 Telephone No. 079-22921510 Website: <u>www.ireps.gov.in.</u>

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EAST DELHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

PUBLIC NOTICE

Fast Delhi Municipal Corporation is implementing the SWM Bules, 2016 and the Bye Laws in their entirety in order to comply the provisions mentioned therein. The work of door to door collection and transportation of Municipal Solid Waste has already been started in the area.

As per chapter-II clause-4 of Solid Waste Management Byelaws, it is necessary for all waste generators to separate and store the Solid Waste coming out of their own places regularly into three streams namely: (a) non-biodegradable or dry waste (b) biodegradable of wet waste (c) domestic hazardous waste and deposit it into covered waste bins and handover segregated waste to designated waste collections as per the direction of EDMC from time to time.

EDMC is going to enforce segregation of waste at source in compliance of SWM & Rye Laws as perfollowing schedule:

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S. No.	Category	Implementation Date	Starting of Penalties on Defaulters					
	Commercial, Industrial, Institutional and non-residential premises	02.10.2021	01.11.2021					
2.	Residential premises	01.12.2021	01.01.2022					

Defaulters are liable for penalty as defined in schedule-II of SWN Bye Laws 2018.

R.O. No.32/DPI/East/2021-22

EDMC's Citizens Helpline No.: 155303

Executive Engineer

Commissioner

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER SEWERAGE & DRAINAGE DIVISION No: 1st

SULIMAN COMPLEX DALGATE SRINAGAR GIST OF e-NIT No: 13 of 2021-22

	or and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K State e-tenders are invited on item rate basis from approved and igible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt. and other State / Central Government for the following work:						
S. No	Name of work	Est. cost (Rs. In lacs) Including Departmental Supply	Cost of T/doc. (In rupees)	Time of completion In days	Class of contract		
1	2	3	4	5	6		
1.	Improvements by way of Laying of Sewer line from Shiraz Chowk to Pumping Station Khanyar.	112.58	3000/-	3 Months	"AAY"		
2.	Maintenance & Benairs of Bhagwannora						

			Including Departmental Supply	(In rupees)	In days	
l	1	2	3	4	5	6
	1.	Improvements by way of Laying of Sewer line from Shiraz Chowk to Pumping Station Khanyar.	112.58	3000/-	3 Months	"AAY"
	2.	Maintenance & Repairs of Bhagwanpora pumping station including premises by way of Clearance of Sump well chamber, Laying of RCC path and plinth protection & other allied civil works	9.37	500/-	1 Month	"C&D"
l	IMPO	RTANT DATES:				
I	Α	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	15.09.2021			
Ш	B	Period of downloading of hidding documents	15 09 2021 to 05	10 2021 un	to 4 00 PM	

Bid submission Start Date 15.09.2021 from 4.00 PM D Bid submission End Date

E Date & time of opening of bids (online) 06.10.2021 upto 4.00 PM 07.10.2021 at 11.00 AM or any other convenient date Receiving Authority: Executive Engineer S&D Division I, Sulaiman Complex Dalgate Srinaga Sd/-

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER

DIPK-9021



No: SDDI/CC/1540-53

RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BERHAMPUR

(E-Mail: serwbpr2004@yahoo.com, Tel/Fax: 0680-2404287)

NOTICE

FOR PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM SADAK YOJANA (PMGSY) NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH "e"-Procurement

Bid identification No. Online Tender/14-2021-22/PMGSY/BPR

The Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Berhampur on behalf of Odisha State Rural Road Agency invites the percentage rate bids in electronic tendering system for construction of roads Bridges under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in the districts of Ganjam & Kandhamal for 16 (Sixteen) number of packages with estimated cost totalling to Rs 60.39 Cr (Approximate) including their maintenance for five years from the eligible contractors registered with State PWD / CPWD / MES / Railways. The registered bidder of outside Odisha, can also participate in this process, but shall have to subsequently indergo registration with the appropriate authority of the State Govt. preferably within a month of the deadline for bid submission, but prior to signing of the contract

Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-procurement. Dtd. 23.09.2021

Availability of Bid Documents and mode of submission: The bid document is available online and should be submitted online in www.pmgsytenders.gov.in. The bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have a valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities. The bidders are required to submit (a original Demand Draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) original bid security declaration and (c) original offidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document as per provisions of Clause 4. (ii) of ITB with Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Berhampur // Executive Engineer of the Concerned divisions on a date not later than three working days after the opening of technical qualification part of the Bid, either by registered post or by hand, failing which the bids shall be declared non-responsive. Last Date/ Time for receipt of bids through e-procurement: 07.10.2021 upto 3.00 P.M

For further details and corrigendum (if any) please log on to <u>www.pmgsytenders.gov.in</u>.

Sd/- P.K. Jena Chief Construction Engineer R.W. Circle, Berhampu OIPR-25071/11/0016/2122

DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES OFFICE OF THE SENIOR PROJECT OFFICER. TROUT FEED MILL, MANASBAL, GANDERBAL

E-mail: spotroutfeedmill@rediffmail.com, Mobile No. 7006167936 **Quotation**

On behalf of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir sealed quotations are invited from the registered Labs of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and outside the Union Territory for carrying out the Job of analysis of the Trout Fish Feed Ingredients for specifications as mentioned below S. No. Name of the Fish Feed Ingredient Analysis to be done for

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ı			Percentage of Moisture,	
ı			Percentage of Crude Fat &	
ı			Percentage of Sand & Silica	
l	02.	Soya Bean Meal	Percentage of Protein &	
l			Percentage of Moisture	
I	The above mentioned fish feed ingredients are received at the stores of Trout Feed Mill, Manasbal o			
ı	routine bas	sis to manufacture the Trout Fish Feed. Th	e quotations should reach to the office of Senio	

Project Officer, Trout Feed Mill, Manasbal either personally or any representative, or through official email address i.e, spotroutfeedmill@rediffmail.com latest by 25-09-2021 up to 2.PM. Terms and Conditions:-

The rates be furnished inclusive of all taxes and at FOR Trout Feed Mill Manasbal. The quotations should be without cuttings.

- The Labs should be tax payer and the bill so far furnished should be with proper GST number. The Job is to be done on routine basis and this shall be valid for the financial year 2021-22.
- The rates offered shall be valid for the financial year of 2021-22. The quotation should be sealed in an envelope addressed to Senior Project Officer, Trout Feed Mill
- The rates offered should be on the letter pad of the registered lab. The payment shall be made only after receipt of the reports.
- Other terms and conditions can be had from the office of the undersigned on any working day during office hours.

No:-SPO/TFM/M/21-22/563-65

DIPK-9072

Senior Project Officer Trout Feed Mill, Manasbal

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION, NASHIK

E-Tender Notice No. 33 for 2021-22 (Online)

ONLINE E-Tenders in "B-1" Form for the following work invited by Executive Engineer, P. W. Division, Nashik; Phone No.: (0253/2583761-64, 2575324) for and on behalf of Governor of Maharashtra State from Registered Contractors in appropriate (Public Works Dept. only) Class with Government of Maharashtra.

Tender document download on our web site https://mahatenders.gov.in. Right of rejection of E-tender/ cancellation of E-tender resevered by The Executive Engineer, P. W. Division, Nashik. *Conditional Tender will not be accepted.

Note: Above mentioned E-Tender Notice including Total 3 (Three) (Costing upto Rs. 150.00 Lacks) Works and details of mentioned E-Tender Notice available on below web site.

1. www.mahapwd.com 2. https://mahatenders.gov.in

Tender Document Sale Start and	22.09	.2021	to	06.10).2021
End Date Time	From	11.05		Upto	17.00
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- Blank E-Tender form Fees (Non-refundable) and EMD amount will be accepted
 - Post Qualificiation criteria condition included in tender document.
- All eligible/ interested Contractors are required to be enrolled on portal https://mahatenders.gov.in before downloading tender documents and participate in e-tendering.
- The information of E-Payment Gateway available on E-Tendering web site https://mahatenders.gov.in

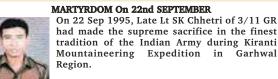
Please Note this to all Registered Contractors.

DGIPR/2021-2022/2025

Sd/-

Executive Engineer Public Works Division, Nashik

SALUTE THE SOLDIER



Colonel 11 GR & Sikkim Scouts and All Ranks HC/GD Ram Pravesh Yadav,

20th September, 2017

Sashastra Seema Bal fondly remembers and cherishes the valiant act of the brave heart, HC/GD Ram Prayesh Yaday of 14th Bn SSB who made the supreme sacrifice of his life for the Nation in the line of duty. On 20th Sept.

2017 HC/GD Ram Pravesh Yadav was returning to camp after performing security and protection duties at construction site of tunnel and railway project in district Ramban of J&K. Militants fired indiscriminately at Ram Pravesh Yadav from very close range due to which HC/GD Ram Pravesh Yadav succumbed to bullet injury and attained martyrdom. His gallant act will continue to inspire us all. We salute the valor and supreme sacrifice of our brave soldier.

SASHASTRA SEEMA BAL

National Centre for Radio Astrophysics TATA INSTITUTE OF FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH

Savitribai Phule Pune University Campus, Ganeshkhind, Pune - 411 007.

TENDER NOTICE NO.05/2021-2022. Sealed bids are invited from Private and Govt. PSUs /Govt. Department in two Part for SITC of Roof Top Solar Power Plant at NCRA-TIFR Savitribai Phule Pune University Campus, Ganeshkhind, Pune 411007

For details visit website: http://www.ncra.tifr.res.in/ncra/ncra1/public-tenders-1

Maharashtra, India as per bid document.

(HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT)

The Deputy Director (Hort.) Shahdara South Zone on behalf of Commissioner EDMC invites NIT No. 04 dated 17.09.2021 Tender No. 2021_EDMC_88545 for Development of Water Harvesting park with STF, Sports and Children play area with sitting facilities at Hedgewar park, ward No. 09E Shah. South Zone, EDMC and Earnest Money Rs. 2,10,000/- & time of completion 2 Months. The tender forms and other details can be obtained from 0/o Deputy Director (Hort.), Shahdara South Zone or it can be downloaded from the website www.etenders.gov.in or www.mcdonline.nic.in The last date of sale of tender will be 28.09.2021 at 3.00 PM. Other detail/information can be seen on website www.etenders.gov.in. The press notice is also available on Dv. Director(Hort.) www.mcdonline.nic.in

RO NO - 31/DPI/EAST/2021-22 Shah. South Zone



1 Tender Notice Reference:

NOTICE INVITING TENDER For and on behalf of UJVN Ltd , Executive Engineer (Civil), Pashulok Barrage Rishikesh, invites sealed & separate tenders from interested contractors for following work:-

NIT No. 14/2021-22/EE(C)/Pashulok Barrage: Annual Sweeping and Cleaning Works of Maneri Bhali-II Colony, Rishikesh. Estimated Value of Tender: ₹ 6.96 Lakh.

Date of availability of bid document on website: 21.09.2021 from 17:00 Last Date for Submission of Tender: 16.10.2021 upto 14:00 Hrs. (IST).

For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender docume can be downloaded from the Nigam's website "www.ujvnl.com". **Executive Engineer (Civil)**

"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

Divisional Railway Manager (Commercial), East Central Railway, Danapur Division, for and on behalf of The President of India invites open e-tender, for leasing space of 3.9/04 tonnes of SLR/LHB on per trip basis on payment of lumpsum freight for loading of parcels in following trains for a period of five (05) years. It can be also seen on the

E-tender Notice No. Com/Lease/SLRs/LHBs/DNR/21/2

SI. No.	Train no.	From-To	Frequency	Space	Reserve Price (per single trip in Rs			
1.	02150/12150	DNR-PUNE	Daily	F-SLR-I	8669/-			
	02150/12150		Daily	F-SLR-II	8669/-			
3.	02150/12150		Daily	R-SLR-I	8669/-			
4.	02296/12296	DNR-SBC	Daily	F-1 (FLWLRRM)	11369/-			
5.	02391/12391	RGD-NDLS	Daily	F-SLR-I	6044/-			
6.	02391/12391	RGD-NDLS	Daily	F-SLR-II	6044/-			
7.	02391/12391	RGD-NDLS	Daily	R-SLR-I	6044/-			
8.	03201/13201	PNBE-LTT	Daily	F-1 (FLWLRRM)	8208/-			

Date & time of submission of Tender:- up to 28 10 2021 at 12:00 hrs through online <u>www.ireps.gov.in</u> only. Date & Time of opening of Tender: After 28.10.202 at 12.00 hrs.

Divisional Railway Manager (Commercial)

PR/0852/DNR/COML/T/21-22/56

General public is hereby informed that one male was found unconcious condition at near Shivaji Stadium Metro Station, Connaught Place, New Delhi, on 17.09.2021 at 13:10 Hrs. And he was admitted in Lady Hardinge Hospital Where Doctor Declared Brought Dead . In this regard a **DD No.** 79-A, Dated 17.09.2021 has been lodged at P.S. Connaught Place, New Delhi. Dead body

preserved in Lady Hardinge Hospital Mortuary for



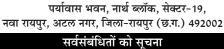
Identification. The description of the dead body is given as under: Name: Unknown, S/o: Unknown R/o: Unknown, Age: about 35 years, Height: 5'1" Face: Oval, Complexion: Wheatish Built: Thin, Wearing: White & Yellow T-Shirt and grey lower.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the information about the dead male but no clue has come to light so far. If any one is having any information about this dead male please inform the undersigned.

P.S. Connaught Place, New Delhi

Ph: 8750870525, 011-23364139, 23747100, DP/334/NDD/2021

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> छत्तीसगढ़ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल, नवा रायपुर, अटल नगर, जिला-रायपुर

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY e-Tender Notice No. 26 of 2021-22

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undertakings. Tender NO.-14-DDU-SRDEN-III-21-22 (i)Name of work with its location: Repair t cess, sand hump, buffer, section board trolley refuse, boundary pillar, LC gate Cleaning side drain, etc under ADEN/JPL ii) Approx. cost of the work : ₹9909998.42 iii) Closing Date & time for submission o tender: 12.10.2021, Up-to 12:00 hrs iv) Website particulars of e-tendering vw.ireps.gov.in

Divisional Railway Manager East Central Railway, DDU PR/0853/DDU/ENGG/T/21-22/28

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EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY e-Tender Notice

is invited on behalf of the Presider of India for the under mentioned work:-

of India for the under mentioned work:1. e-Tender No. : ECR-CAO-C-S-ETEN09-21-22 in Two Packet System, Name of work: Earth work in cutting, filling, extension of Minor Bridges, Wharf wall, Retaining wall, FOB at Phulbasia and Shivpur and other associated work in between Km. 30,900 to 44,400 (including Phulbasia). 44.400 (including Phulbasia Yard and Shivpur Yard) in connection with construction of 3rd line between Tori-Shivpur. Approacts of the work in (Rs.): 69,60,99,923.87 Period of work completion: 18 (Eighteen Months Date and time for closing of tende 11.10.2021 15.30 Hrs. Any e-tenders which

is sent by Post/Courier/ Fax or by hand will not be accepted. All such manual submission of tender even if it is on firm's letter pad or received in time will not be accepted. The above e-tender documen alongwith full information is available of website http://www.ireps.gov.in. Note: In case of any descripencies found in tender notice, English version will be final Tenderers are requested to visit the website http://www.ireps.gov.in atleast 15 days before last date of closing, for latest corrigendum/corrections with this e-tender.

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No. CWMPD-02-2021-22 Date:18/09/2021 On line (through e-tendering) for the following work is invited by Chief Workshop Manager, East Central Railway, Plant Depot. Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya for and on behalf of the President of India, from reputed Firms.

E-Tender Closing Date: 12.10.2021 Bidding System - Two Pocket System 1. Name of the work with its Location : Construction of New Structural Shed for Steel Bridge Girder Fabrication & IOH/POH Shed for Track Machine Organization, Zonal Bridge Training Institute & Hostel Building, Supervisors Room and other ancillary works at Engineering Workshop, Plan Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, 2. Approx. cost of the work: Rs. 16,85,36,747 36 3. Earnest Money: Rs. 0.00 4. Date and time for Closing of e-tender: 12.10.2021 at 15.00 hrs. 5. Website

particulars of e-tendering www.ireps.gov.in Executive Engineer (PD) Plant Depot, E.C. Railway, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhaya

PR/00845/PDM/ENGG/T/21-22/36 **EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY**

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at Ch. 3.325, construction of 03 (Three) Nos. ROB in lieu of existing ROB at Ch. 3.11, Ch. 5.295 & Ch. 5.865 with dismantling of existing ROB and other associated work in between Km. 3.000 to 18.500 (including Biratoli Yard and Kusmahi Yard) in connection with construction of 3rd line connection with construction of 3rd line connection. connection with construction of 3rd line between Tori - Shivpur, Approx cost of the work in (Rs.): 85,29,63,233.21, Period o work completion:18 (Eighteen) Months work completion: 18 (Eighteen) Months
2. e-Tender No.: ECR-CAO-C-S-ETEN08-21-22 in Two Packet System, Name of
work: Earth work in cutting, filling, extension
of Minor Bridges, Wharf wall, Retaining wall,
FOB at Balumath & Bukru, construction of
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Have to work in terms of our bowling: Mithali Raj



Mithali Raj completed 20,000 career runs in her 107-ball 61 against Australia in the women's 1st ODI on Tuesday.

Mackay: India skipper Mithali Raj said that the team needed to "work a lot" on its bowling after suffering a nine-wicket drubbing at the hands of Australia in the first women's ODI here on Tuesday.

India's problems in both the batting and bowling department were laid bare as the mighty hosts chased down a target of 226 without any trouble to extend their recordwinning streak to 25.

"Well, see, you do have plans, but again it is about executing it on the ground, sometimes the bowlers don't get the rhythm, but there are times when you know they get the rhythm but the plan isn't working," Mithali said at the postmatch press conference.

Pankaj Advani wins his 24th

Doha: Indian cueist Pankai Advani on Tuesday grabbed his 24th world title when he triumphed at the IBSF 6-Red Snooker World Cup with a victory over Pakistan's Babar Masih in the final, here. Advani, who won his 11th Asian title last week, started the final with a comfortable 42-13 win in the opening frame. Babar drew parity by winning the second 38-14. In the third frame, Advani made a foul that only he knew he had committed. The 36-year-old won the third and fourth in quick succession to go 3-1 up. The Pakistani cueist crafted a 56 break to bridge the gap. Advani shifted gears and then took the next three to be one frame away from getting his hands on his 24th world trophy. Pankaj ensured a clean slate of wins over the last fortnight in Qatar across two international championships - Asian Snooker and 6-red Snooker World Cup. "I am living a dream. Being away from the table for so long, these two back-to-back triumphs assure me that my hunger and competitive skills haven't diminished." Advani said.

"Yes we have a lot to work in terms of our bowling department because, predominantly, we are spin attack and spinners are getting hit

everywhere, so that is something we need to

tweak in," she added. India could only manage 225 for eight in an innings that never got the momentum it needed and then the hosts gunned down the target in 41 overs as India's bowling lacked the teeth to trouble them

BRIEF SCORES: India 225/8 in 50 overs (Mithali Raj 61, Yastika Bhatia 35; Darcie Brown 4/33) lost to Australia 227/1 in 41 overs (Rachel Haynes 93, Alyssa Healy 77, Meg Lanning 53; Poonam Yadav 1/58) by

Mor stuns Hussamuddin in boxing nationals final

Bellary: Rohit Mor stunned defending champion Mohammad Hussamuddin but the accomplished duo of Shiva Thapa and Sanjeet lived up to expectations by clinching gold medals in their respective weight categories at the Men's National Boxing Championships here on Tuesday. Deepak Kumar (51kg), Akash (54kg), Akash (67), Sumit (75kg), Sachin Kumar (80kg), Lakshya (86kg) and Narender (+92kg) also secured gold medals by winning their respective final bouts at the Inspire Institute of Sports. All of them are from Services team. All the gold medal winners of the National Championships will represent India at the World Championships scheduled in Belgrade, Serbia from October 24 to November 6. While the gold and silver medallists from each category of the Championships will also get direct entry into the national coaching camp, the two bronze medallists will take part in the selection trials where they will compete with the boxers representing the second team of top-3 teams of the last National Championships.

Tiki Tata Goodbye

Barcelona's famed passing style of play a thing of the past under coach Koeman

REUTERS SEPTEMBER 21

BARCELONA PRIDE themselves on judging their team on style as well as results but coach Ronald Koeman is struggling to deliver on either front, with his position under renewed scrutiny following Monday's 1-1 home draw with Granada.

The Catalans only salvaged a point thanks to a 90th-minute header from Ronald Araujo but the most striking thing was Barca's direct style as they eschewed their trademark passing game and resorted to pumping crosses into the box.

Barca made 54 crosses into the area against Granada, 45 from open play, more than any other team in one game in Europe's top five leagues this season. The second team on the list of biggest crossers is England's Burnley, who share Barca's claret and blue colours but whose direct style of play contrasts with the ideals espoused by Johan Cruyff and Pep Guardiola, the Catalan club's two greatest coaches.

"What Barca is this?," asked the front cover of Spanish newspaper Marca, describing the team's performance as "abysmal" while adding the team had "renounced their style". If last week's 3-0 drubbing by Bayern Munich in the Champions League indicated that Barca can no longer compete with Europe's elite, the scrappy draw against winless Granada was more worrying, a sign Barca no longer possess the tools to break down even ordinary domestic sides.

Koeman defended his tactics, such as bringing on defender Gerard Pique to play up front and ending the game with four centre backs and two centre forwards, saying the team's personnel and Granada's deep defending left him with little choice.

"We can't play tiki-taka if there aren't any spaces," Koeman said, referring to the popular description for the style of play the team perfected under Guardiola, when they would routinely pass their opponents into oblivion. Barca were missing six players through injury, including teenager Pedri, the most technical player left at the club following the departure of Lionel Messi. "We know it's maybe not Barcelona's football, but this Barcelona is not that of eight years ago," Koeman added.

The coach has been walking a tightrope and has an uneasy relationship with president Joan Laporta, who publicly revealed his reservations about the Dutchman at the end of last season before deciding to keep him on, Barca's financial problems for now play into Koeman's hands as they would struggle to pay his severance fee if they sacked him and find the money for a successor. But the situation of a coach playing a style of football the president and supporters dis-



Barcelona defender Gerard Pique played as a striker in the final 15 minutes of his team's 1-1 draw against Granada in La Liga.

Why erstwhile pass masters are now crossing

Crosses and excuses were all that Barcelona and coach Ronald Koeman could muster after a demoralising 1-1 draw against Granada at home. The draw came after a 0-3 shakedown by Bayern Munich in the Champions League earlier last week. It is safe to say that Camp Nou is no longer the home of tiki-taka - a fact not lost on Barcelona fans, who didn't care to fill the Covid-necessitated 40,000 seats in the Catalan stronghold. 45 crosses from open play and 54 in all – the most across Europe's top 5 leagues, points to how far the Blaugrana have fallen. Koeman in his post-match comments blamed Granada for scoring and then shutting shop as to why Barcelona couldn't kickstart their passing. He also blamed the lack of pace in his team as the reason they couldn't play more direct. The result - Memphis Depay and Sergino Dest launching 16 crosses apiece in a 90-minute football game in the La Liga. In fact, Barcelona's crossing totals beat even Burnley - an English Premier League team known for combining physically strong players with constant crosses into the box. Eventually one of those crosses worked with Barcelona finally scoring an equaliser in the 90th minute.

like -- only 27,000 fans took up the 40,000 available tickets on Monday -- while getting poor results seems unsustainable.

Former Barca midfielder Xavi Hernandez, the puppet master of the glorious era under Guardiola and a disciple of Cruyff, would be the fans' most popular choice to take over but he is still in the early stages of his coaching career and this year signed a new contract with Qatari side Al Sadd until 2023.

Fifa fines, bans Hungary

Hungary must play their next World Cup qualifier behind closed doors after FIFA imposed a ban on fans and a \$217,000 fine following racist incidents in this month's match against England.

FIFA said the sanctions were imposed on the Hungarian Football Federation "in relation to the racist behaviour of numerous supporters" during the game at the Puskas Arena in Budapest, which England

"The committee decided that (Hungary) would play its next two home matches in FIFA competitions without spectators, the second match being suspended for a probationary period of two

Taliban bans **IPL** broadcast in Afghanistan

PRESSTRUSTOFINDIA NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

The Taliban-ruled Afghanistan has banned the broadcast of the hugely popular Indian Premier League (IPL) in the country over the presence of "female audience and spectators" in stadiums.

Ever since the Taliban's takeover of the strife-torn country last month, the international sporting community has been concerned about the fundamentalist group's position on women participating in sports. Former Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB) media manager and journalist M Ibrahim Momand said the live broadcast of IPL matches was banned due to possible "anti-Islamic" content.

"Afghanistan national (TV) will not broadcast the @IPL as usual as it was reportedly banned to live the matches resumed tonight due to possible anti-islam contents, girls dancing & the attendance of barred (sic) hair women in the (stadium) by Islamic Emirates of the Taliban," Momand had tweeted on Sunday.

Journalist Fawad Aman, who has also served as spokesperson of Ministry of Defence as per his Twitter handle, wrote, "Taliban have warned that Afghan media outlets should not broadcast the Indian Cricket League due to girls dancing and the presence of female audience and spectators in stadiums."

Taliban appoints new CEO

AP ADDS: The Taliban have sacked the executive director of Afghanistan's cricket board. Hamid Shinwari posted on his official Facebook page that he had been fired by Anas Haqqani, the younger brother of Interior Minister Sirajuddin Haggani.

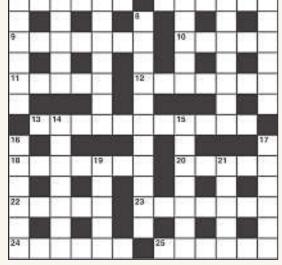
He said he was not given any reason for his dismissal, but was told he would be replaced by Naseebullah Haqqani.

It isn't clear if the new Afghanistan Cricket Board chief is a relative of Sirajuddin Haqqani, who is sought by the FBI for questioning in connection with several high profile attacks on Kabul during the Taliban's 20-year war with successive US-backed governments. The official Facebook page of the Afghanistan Cricket Board also announced Naseebullah Haqqani



Naseebullah Haqqani is the new Afghan

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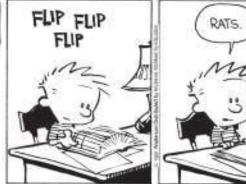


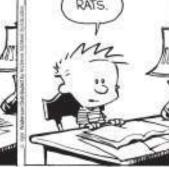


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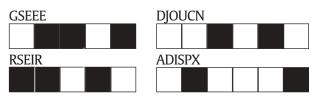


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JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the answer for the given quip. Truth is what stands the test of_



Answer: Itutu is what stands the test of experience - Einstein SOLUTION: GEESE, RISER, JOCUND, SPADIX

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DAY TODAY

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

You must come back to the fact that Mars' current aspects are not the easiest from your point of view. However, if you've been in your present rut for far too long, expect to be forced to adapt to the future and shaken out of your

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)

complacent attitudes.

gained from pursuing private vendettas or doubting other people's sincerity. Look after your own health and make your peace of

mind the number one priority.

Leave partners to battle it out. After all, their problems are not necessarily the same as yours. GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) The implications of

today's financial transactions could be with you for a very long time. You may have difficulty weathering the storm, and you must believe that the eventual outcome will be worth every ounce of effort. In love, remember one thing,

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) This is hardly the smoothest of days socially, although if vou're in a mood for danger you might enjoy the frayed nerves which seem to be keeping partners on the go. Make time to pursue your creative interests, perhaps picking up on an ambition

you've ignored for far too long.

it's OK to be a dreamer.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23) Frankly, it's not the best day to start sorting your life out,

vet this could be just what is needed. Like your close partners, you must now adopt a radically different approach if you are to start afresh. In the meantime, clear up those last remaining overdue chores.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sept 23) If partners are suffering business anxieties, the

chances are that you can come up with the right answers. This is not a day to prevaricate and waste time. So get on with it and go straight to the heart of the problem. And don't panic if you hit a delay, it's to

BY PETER VIDAL

LIBRA (Sept 24 - Oct 23)

You're on a positive path. It's inevitable that sooner or later you were bound to have to face up to emotional complications. Keep your act together and everything should work out fine. If you're tempted to sacrifice all for a relationship, make sure you've got a get-out clause.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22) Current planetary aspects are bringing tensions to the

surface, but



somehow you seem set to gain from the general mood. Turn your attention to educational, travel and legal questions. In other words, begin to tackle far-sighted issues, the ones which are going to carry your life forward one major step.

 $SAGITTARIUS (Nov\,23-Dec\,22)$ If you are aiming for a confrontation to

moment may have passed. However, there are still questions to be asked and answered. This is no time to indulge in financial risks, at least not until you've made absolutely sure that you can't lose.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20) The calming

influence of Venus, planet of love and harmony, is still with you, though not for much longer. At least you may be spared the worst of the arguments that seem to be in the air. It's been a busy year so far, and you'll soon be able to put your feet up.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19) You're not always

that good at controlling your feelings, but one quality that will now come into play is your skill in understanding human motivations. Take your time

sensitivity, for it will be all too

easy to forget your obligations PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

and move forward with

When passion is in the air you can never be sure which way it's going to turn. It may now be best to quietly take responsibility for your own affairs and avoid those issues which are likely to come between you and a close partner. Good relationships are

worth more than anything

Ain't over till it's Tyagi's over

With Punjab needing 4 off 6, young pacer concedes just one, scalps two to give Rajasthan an unlikely win



Kartik Tyagi did the star turn for Rajasthan Royals in the final over by taking two Punjab Kings wickets and conceding just one run. iplt20.com

SYNOPSIS: Fearless final over scripts Royal heist as Punjab Kings spurn gift-wrapped win

TUSHAR BHADURI

IT NEEDED six quality deliveries in the last over to salvage a cause which seemed lost for almost the whole of the previous 19 overs. Kartik Tyagi took the ball for the final over with Punjab Kings needing four to win with eight wickets in hand. Post-mortems for another lacklustre Rajasthan Royals display had started much before that.

But the 20-year-old from Hapur had not read the script. With nerves of steel, he proceeded to engineer one of the great escapes in Indian Premier League history as Royals scraped home by two runs despite looking distant second for almost the whole run-chase.

Fearless execution

Punjab Kings needed eight to win from the last two overs. Mustafizur Rahman ensured Tyagi had something to defend in the 20th over, giving away only four. Nicholas Pooran and Aiden Markram didn't take any chances as they rightly thought that sensible batting will get them through.

Tyagi's previous three overs had gone for 28. Though he displayed undeniable promise and talent, the task was thought to be too much for him on a night when Royals' marquee signing Chris Morris went for 47 runs in his four overs. But the Uttar Pradesh lad showed he is one for the crunch. Markram didn't get hold of a full toss first ball, finding the fielder at short cover. A single to fine leg ensued next ball. Then came the gamechanging moment when Pooran edged behind trying to find the third-man boundary. New man Deepak Hooda walked across his



Yashasyi Jaiswal of Rajasthan Royals hits a boundary during his knock of 49.

stumps but failed to connect, before being caught behind. It left Fabian Allen to get three off the final ball, but his bat met fresh air as

Gift spurned

Superb death bowling had earlier given Punjab Kings a chance before Rajasthan Royals almost gift-wrapped the game away with some shoddy fielding, wayward bowling and inexplicable captaincy.

In the field and with ball in hand, Royals had a nightmare. They had three opportunities to get an early breakthrough. Three times, they spurned them. The three offerings grassed were regulation chances at the high level. Evin Lewis, Riyan Parag and Chetan Sakariya got two hands to them before grassing them. It gave KL Rahul and Mayank Agarwal all the encouragement they needed to make the tough-looking target a cakewalk.

Sanju Samson's captaincy and decisions were also baffling. When the situation demanded that one of the frontline bowlers be

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KARTIK TYAGI

in operation, he employed part-time spinner Riyan Parag who was taken to the cleaners.

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Great effort in vain

Arshdeep Singh had made heads turns since he came into the Punjab Kings side. Bowling the difficult overs – whether in the Powerplay, middle of the innings or the death - the left-arm seamer seemed up for every challenge. He is not blessed with express pace, but has the skills to execute his vorkers, slower balls and other variations.

It remains a mystery why skipper Rahul waited till the sixth over to get Arshdeep on. The left-armer promptly got the breakthrough with a pace-off delivery. It was a

bit of a trend throughout the innings whenever the innings seem to be getting into orbit, he would bring them down to earth. Liam Livingstone and Mahipal Lomror threatened to take the game away, but perished trying to hit Arshdeep out of the ground. And the tail had little answer when he came to finish the innings off. Figures of 5/32 when he was the fourth

stellar contribution. Rahul employed spinners for eight overs which went for as many as 89 runs, bringing just a solitary wicket. In contrast, Arshdeep, Shami (3/21) and Ishan Porel (1/39) got the other nine wickets for 92 in 12 overs. It shows where the damage was done.

bowler brought on just shows what his

team would have been chasing without his

Changed approach

Yashasvi Jaiswal was often like a deer caught in the headlights when he played in the IPL earlier. The enforced break may have done the opener some good. Jaiswal seems to have added an aggressive streak to his game. He announced his intentions in the fir bowled by Mohammed Shami.

After a play-and-miss on an attempted cut shot, he found his range for a boundary off a similar shot. And when the star India seamer attacked the body with a short one, Jaiswal didn't take a backward step, going up and over square-leg for another four.

Adil Rashid, making his IPL debut, was the other bowler in the Punjab Kings line-up, but there was not much respect shown. A reverseswept four and a hit straight down the ground showed his class. But Jaiswal got out off a leading edge looking for a single to get to 50. It resulted in Royals leaving a few runs out there as after Lomror (43 off 17 balls), their lower-middle order rather faded away.

BRIEF SCORES: Rajasthan Royals 185 all out in 20 overs (Y Jaiswal 49, M Lomror 43, E Lewis 36; A Singh 5/32, M Shami 3/21) bt Punjab Kings (M Agarwal 67, KL Rahul 49; K Tyagi 2/29) by 2 runs

EMOTIONAL

Hot heads, calm minds and everything in between at the game

Perplexed skipper Samson



Captain Samson was perplexed when Morris went for 25 runs. iplt20.com

When Chris Morris – IPL's most expensive player ever - bowled one of his more expensive overs ever, Rajasthan Royals captain Sanju Samson could only muster a wry laugh. After a decent first over conceding only six runs, the South African seamer lost his line, and the plot. There were the two half-volleys on the leg stump, deposited into the first and second tier respectively by Mayank Agarwal. Then there were the three grisly wides, prompting three fullstretch dives from Samson. Samson the wicketkeeper was already vexed. Samson the skipper was equally perplexed. His counterpart Rahul had been dropped thrice in the powerplay and now his lead bowler was struggling. Sporting a helpless grin, Samson ran across to comfort his bowler. Morris eventually got the line and length right on the last ball, and Agarwal lofted him over cover for a boundary. All in all, 25 runs conceded, and the camera never cut to Samson.

Arshdeep's stress-face

Arshdeep Singh is not a tearaway to groan in the followthrough like Shoaib Akhtar or Brett Lee. He bargains his wickets with the change of pace than outright pace. Mid-130 kmh at best, but mostly the 125-130 kph bracket. But he does put a lot of ef-



fort into his deliveries, especially the release. The run-up, gather and leap are smooth, the release less so. A grunt, and a reverse angle later, his face would contort, the bright eyes leaping out of sockets, the eyebrows shrivelling and lips curling in the strain as he sends down another of his cleverly-designed slower ball. He was dismaved when the fifth ball of his 12th over was called a wide, having already leaked 15. But the extra stress was worth it, as he finally had Liam Livingston acrobatically caught in the deep by Fabian Allen.

Tyagi getting Sanga to jump with joy

Which fast bowler can make the stoic Sangakkara hop, skip and jump with joy? Rajasthan Royals' director of cricket cantered onto the field from the dug out as Kartik Tyagi turned the game on its head in the final over. Tyagi conceded one run



and dismissed Nicholas Pooran and Deepak Hooda. The pacer from Dhanaura, Hapur, came to the limelight at the Under-19 World Cup with speed guns at 145 kmph. He had an eventful first over; a referral for caught behind was wasted when ultra edge didn't show anything on Mayank Agarwal's bat, a full toss was dismissed by KL Rahul for a four. Though he didn't have much luck, Tyagi smiled after every delivery. He would have the same smile pasted across his face when kept his cool and got Sanga to loosen up.

Flood or famine, Lewis stays same

Like his idol Chris Gayle, Evan Lewis is six-savvy, and even bettered Gayle's haul in the last edition of the Caribbean Premier League. But unlike the evergrinning, hyper-expressive Gayle, Lewis seems permanently poker-faced, entirely inexpressive when he bats.

The lips barely move, the eyes are stone cold. No shake of his head or shrug of his shoulders. He wore the same sober expression when he brutalised Ishan Porel as well as when Mohammed Shami beat him neck and crop on a couple of in-

Batsmen are supposed to vent out their anger at least when they get out, especially after a robust start. Not Lewis. He walked away as cold as he had been batting in the middle. An anti-Gayle in



terms of pouring his mind out in the middle. More like another six-hitting Caribbean opener Dwayne Smith.

How Kohli got out against KKR, and his long-standing lbw problem

SRIRAM VEERA SEPTEMBER 21

HE HAD just hit Prasidh Krishna for a four - a rasping on-the-up punch through covers off a back of length delivery. In his own words, Virat



Kohli expected the next ball to be similar and set himself up for the same shot but was surprised by the nip-backer from a fuller length. His head

was outside the line and he was forced to try working the ball across the line but couldn't make contact and was out lbw.

What did Kohli say about it?

According to him he got out because he didn't press forward, but predetermined the ball and weight was on his back foot.

"I got out because I predetermined he would bowl a back of length and I would hit a four (through covers)," Kohli said in a postmatch chat with KKR opener Venkatesh lyer that was posted by KKR.

Kohli was addressing Venkatesh's query about forward press and cited his own dismissal as an example. He also brought up the four he hit the ball before his dismissal. "The ball before I pressed forward and hit an onthe-up boundary". He went on to explain how pressing forward allows a batsman to react better to any length. "As long as you are pressing forward you

are in good position to leave, get under the ball (for the pull) or rock up. You can spring up.. If the base is good, no need to go back also," Kohli said.

Has lbw been an issue with him before? Yes. Even the struggles in England in 2014

when he kept edging behind the stumps, he had seen it as problem aligned with the lbw issue to an extent. To his balance at the crease due to his hip position that he was trying to get it right for his troubles against the inswingers.

"The problem with me was that I was expecting inswingers too much and opened up my hip a lot more than I should have done. was constantly looking for the inswinger and was in no position to counter the outswing,"





Virat Kohli had a post-match chat with KKR opener Venkatesh Iyer.

he had once said in an interview with BCCI.tv.

What was the problem as perceived by him, then? He felt his hips were opening up early be-

cause of the back foot position at stance. "I used to stand at two leg(middle stump) and my stance was pretty closed and then I figured out that after initial movement of the backfoot, my toe wasn't going towards point rather it was towards cover point, so anyway my hip was opening up initially. So to get the feel of the ball, I had to open up my hip as I was too side on. Anyway, I had too much of a bottom hand grip and I didn't have too much room for my shoulder, to adjust to the line of the ball, so it was getting too late when it swung in front of my eyes," Virat explained. As long as you are pressing forward you are in good position to leave, get under the ball (for the pull) or rock up. You can spring up.. If the base is good, no need to go back also."

VIRAT KOHLI

ON HOW PRESSING FORWARD HELPS BATSMEN

What did he do to course correct?

He widened his stance a bit and realigned his back foot position to ensure his hip didn't open up. "I wanted to make sure that my toe is pointing in point direction rather than cover, that's how I kept my hip nice and sideon and gave myself room. I widened my stance as well so that I have good balance when I wanted to go forward.

Did he take help from Sachin Tendulkar on the forward press?

Yes he did, post that England tour of 2014. 'Sachin helped as he told me that I have to approach a fast bowler (forward press) just like you approach a spinner. One has to get

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on top of the ball, not worry about pace or swing, you got to get towards the ball and give the ball lesser chance to move around and trouble you. Those advices helped me and became my second nature.'

Is that backfoot position, being parallel, towards point, the ideal position?

This is where it gets tricky. In some people's eyes, especially the pro-

ponents of open-stance, trying to keep the backfoot totally parallel when he triggers is not helping but part of the problem.

From there, when the hips open, it can reopen a bit too much. And occasionally, it can lead to his head tipping over to the off side, outside the line of the ball to incoming deliveries. That's when the lbw threats

On the other hand, the proponents of keeping it side-on (with back foot pointing towards point and remaining parallel as Kohli strives) believe that it helps in making sure the shoulder doesn't open too early and balance is better maintained. That they can negotiate the moving ball better from this position, especially if they can get the forward press right.

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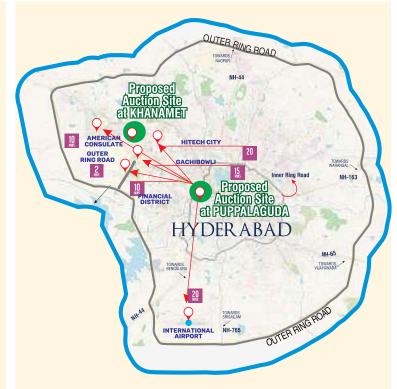
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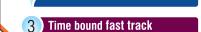


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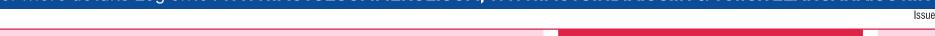


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